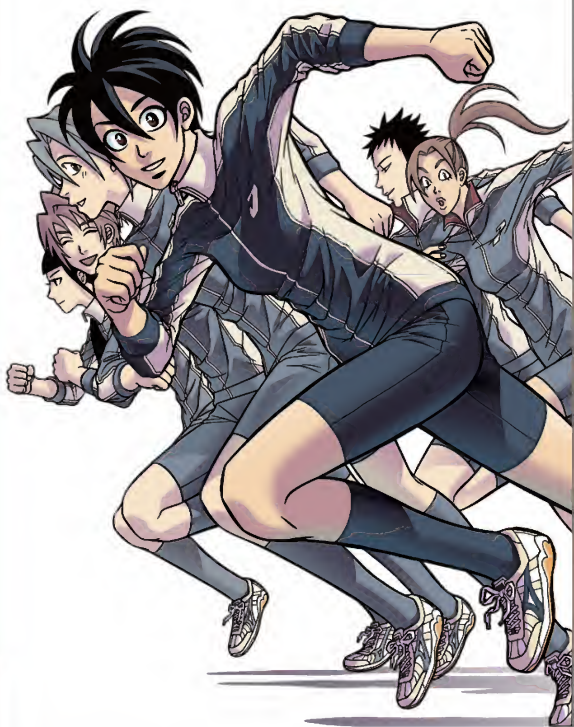


Shojo FIGHT!

YOKO NIHONBASHI





SHOJO FIGHT



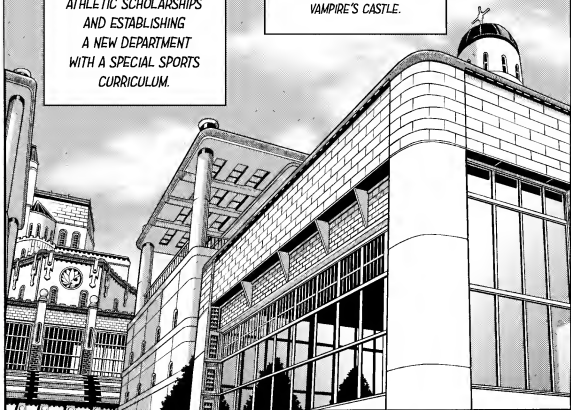


SHOJO FIGHT

SEVERAL YEARS AGO,
KOKUYODANI BEGAN TO
BOLSTER THEIR SPORTS
CLUBS BY INTRODUCING
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS
AND ESTABLISHING
A NEW DEPARTMENT
WITH A SPECIAL SPORTS
CURRICULUM.

LOCATED IN NERIMA, TOKYO,
THIS SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED
AT THE ADMINISTRATION'S
WHIM AS A SIDE PROJECT TO
THE EXPANSION OF SHIJIMA
PARK, AN AMUSEMENT PARK.
THE SCHOOL IS NOTED FOR
HOW ITS ARCHITECTURE
RESEMBLES THAT OF A
VAMPIRE'S CASTLE.

KOKU-
YODANI
PRIVATE
HIGH
SCHOOL
...



...IS THE
DAY OF
THEIR
ENTRANCE
CEREMONY.

NOW,
LET'S HEAR
A WORD
FROM THE
REPRE-
SENTATIVES
OF THE
INCOMING
CLASS.

TODAY...





MURMUR

MURMUR

PLEASE
QUIET
DOWN,
EVERYONE.

SHIKI-
SHIMA-
KUUUN!



MURMUR

OH!



Kokuyodani Private High School, 37th Incoming Class, 2006

ENTRANCE CEREMONY

HEY,
ODAGIRI!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

AREN'T
YOU IN THE
WRONG
DEPART-
MENT?

Fight 8

Dog Catcher



FROM THE
SPORTS
DEPARTMENT,
PLEASE STEP
FORWARD...

MURMUR



THE
SPORTS
DEPART-
MENT...



...WAKABU
ODAGIRI.

OH,
HEY.

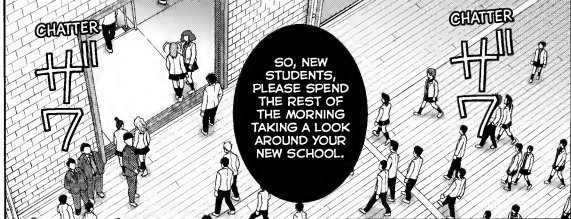
YES,
SIR.



...TOMO-
YUKI
AKUJUN!

AND ALSO
FROM THE
SPORTS
DEPART-
MENT...

YES,
SIR.



SO, NEW STUDENTS, PLEASE SPEND THE REST OF THE MORNING TAKING A LOOK AROUND YOUR NEW SCHOOL.



HUH? WHAT'S UP? DID YOU GUYS SEE EACH OTHER SOMEWHERE?

IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

I'LL BRING THEM SOON.

SORRY I NEVER GOT YOUR CLOTHES BACK TO YOU.

AHEM!



UGGGH! CUT IT OUT, SHIKI-SHIMA-KUN!

HEY, MISS REP!

OH! O-OISHI-SAN...



IT'S ONLY THE FIRST DAY AND YOU'RE ALREADY PLAYING HOOKY?

WHAT?!

I'LL SEE YOU GUYS.

UH-OH, THIS SOUNDS LIKE A PAIN.

THIS GUY...



THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE HERE ON A VOLLEYBALL SCHOLARSHIP OR WHO WANT TO JOIN THE CLUB, GATHER ROUND!

THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAMS WILL NOW BE HOLDING AN EXHIBITION HERE IN THE GYM.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE, STICK AROUND AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER.



DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THOSE OF US HERE ON ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO FAIL TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN HELPING OUT?

STARTING THIS YEAR, ISN'T THE WHOLE SCHOOL GONNA BE RUNNING ON YOUR FAMILY'S DONATIONS?

OH, COME ON, RICH BOY.

SHIJIMA PARK WAS ONE OF YOUR FAMILY'S ASSETS. AFTER ALL.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST TELL ME TO FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS.

OUR TUITION'S BEEN WAIVED, SO IT'S OUR DUTY TO GIVE BACK TO THE SCHOOL.

WHOA, MIKUNI!

JERK

はっ

IT'S JUST MY LUCK THAT I HAVE TO SEE HIM ON THE COURT FROM TIME TO TIME.

IT GETS ON MY NERVES, THE WAY HE HAS TO GET ALL FIRED UP AND TAKE EVERYTHING SO SERIOUSLY.

HIS FAMILY OWNS THE MIKUNI GROUP.

THIS SCHOOL'S BEEN WORKING ON ITS BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR YEARS, ALL IN PREPARATION FOR HIS COMING HERE.

ANYWAY, JUST MAKE SURE NOT TO PLAY HOOKY AT ALL.

WOW... TALK ABOUT JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS. YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE YOUR DISTINGUISHED OLDER BROTHER.

YEAH, YEAH, I HEAR YOU.

FRIENDS?! GIVE ME A BREAK!

ARE YOU FRIENDS?

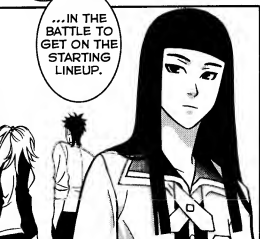
WAIT, WASN'T MIKUNI THE MVP ON HIS MIDDLE-SCHOOL TEAM AND KNOWN AS THE PRINCE OF THE NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM?



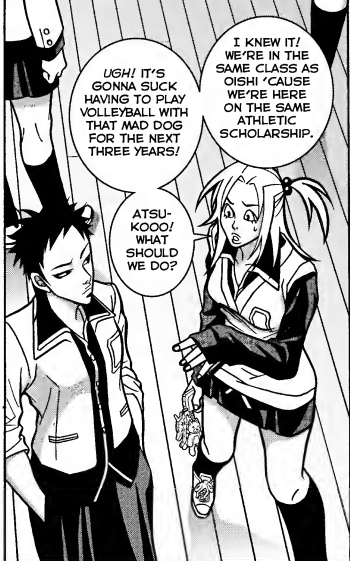


DUH.

ALL WE'VE
GOTTA DO
IS BEAT
THAT PIP-
SQUEAK...



...IN THE
BATTLE TO
GET ON THE
STARTING
LINEUP.



UGH! IT'S
GONNA SUCK
HAVING TO PLAY
VOLLEYBALL WITH
THAT MAD DOG
FOR THE NEXT
THREE YEARS!

I KNEW IT!
WE'RE IN THE
SAME CLASS AS
OISHI 'CAUSE
WE'RE HERE
ON THE SAME
ATHLETIC
SCHOLARSHIP.

ATSU-
KOOO!
WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?



DUDE,
WE CAN'T
MISS THIS
FOR ANY-
THING!

LOOK
OVER
THERE!



AREN'T
YOU THE
GIRLS' TRAINER
STARTING
TODAY?

SHOULDN'T
YOU BE
WITH
THEM?

THERE'S
NOTHING
FOR ME TO
DO TODAY,
SO I'M
HELPING
WITH THE
BOYS' TEAM.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

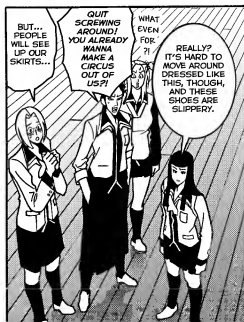


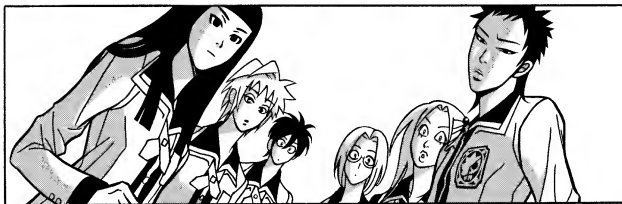
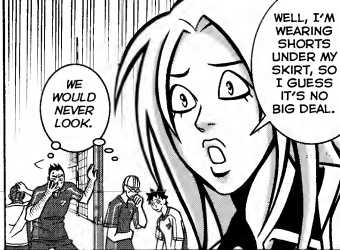
HEY,
GUYS,
CAPTAIN.

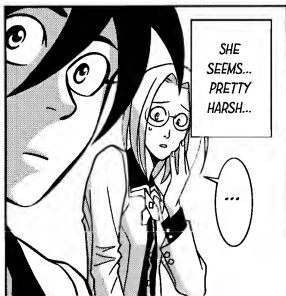
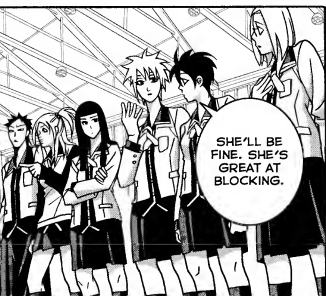
YOU
BETTER
GET TO
STRETCH-
ING.

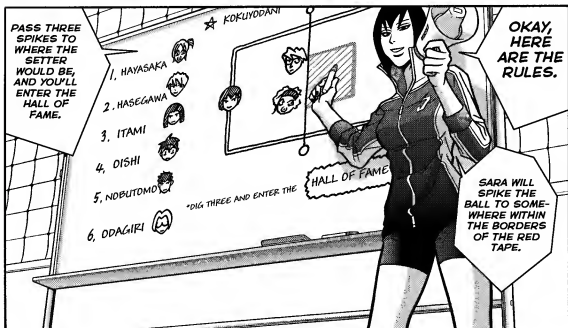
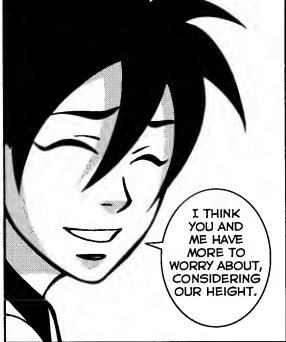
*Digging refers to receiving an opponent's spike.



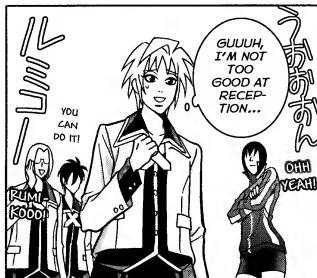








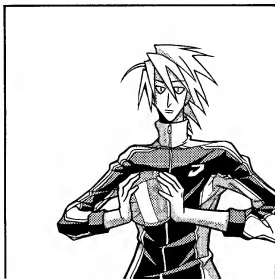


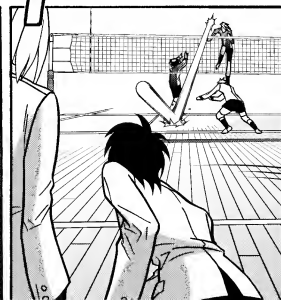
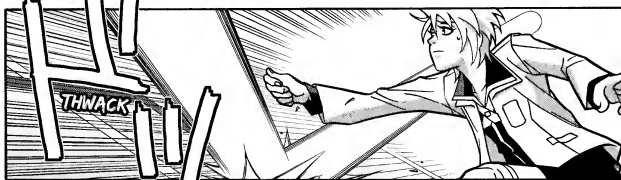




BUT
KAMAKURA-
SEMPAI'S
SPIKES...

...ARE
JUST TO
DIE FOR.







ALL
RIGHT.

YOU'RE NEXT,
SHINO ITAMI.



MAYBE.
MAYBE
NOT.



I HAVE TO DIG
TWO OF THESE
TO GET YOU TO
PLAY, RIGHT,
INUGAMI-
SEMPAI?



SHE'S
SO
FAST!

BUT I HAVE
THE TIMING
DOWN NOW.



THWACK



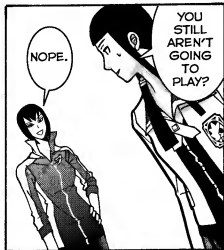
HERE
WE
GO.

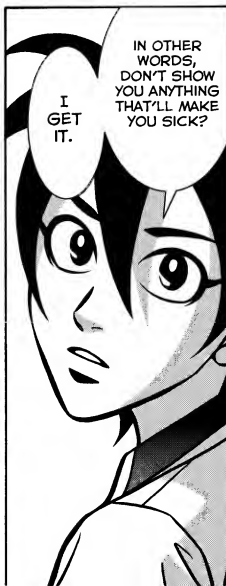


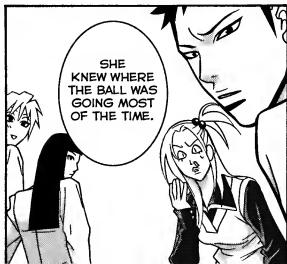
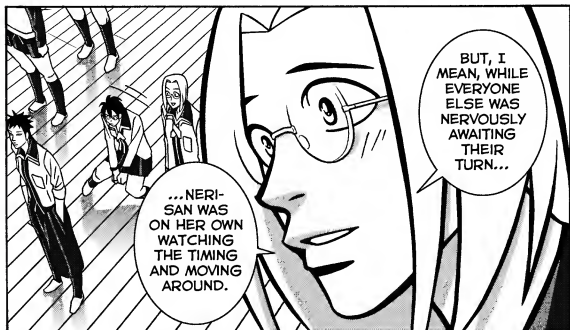
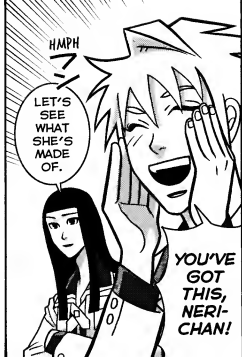
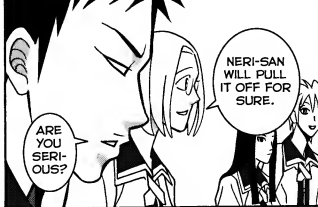
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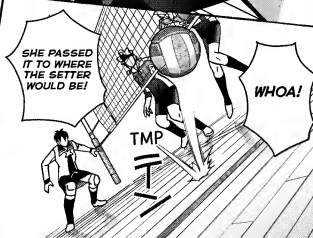
I'VE GOT THIS!

FWIP











CHATTER

OH MY
GOD! SHE
DUG THAT
FEINT!

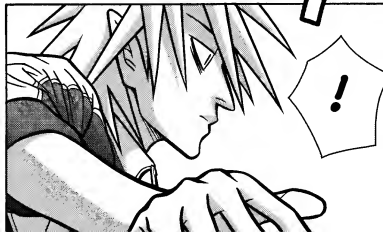
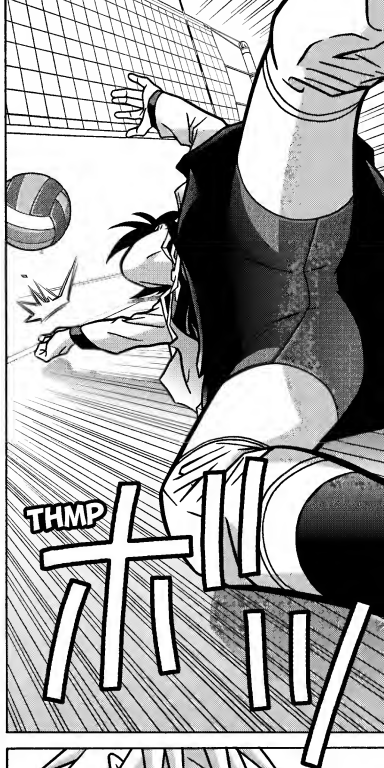
AWW, MAN.
SHE'S
WEARING
SHORTS?

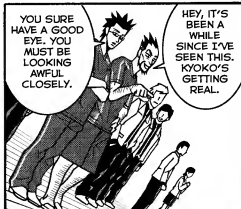
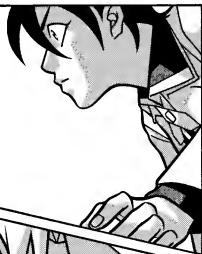
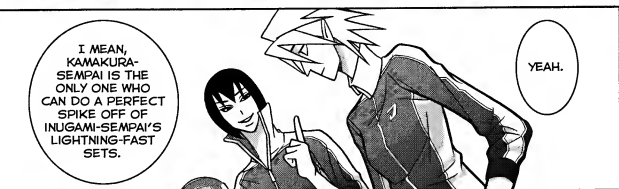
THAT'S
REALLY
SOMETHING
FOR A SHORT
GIRL LIKE
HER.

CHANGING
CLOTHES IS
A PAIN, SO I
ALWAYS JUST
WEAR MY
UNIFORM OVER
MY VOLLEYBALL
CLOTHES.

FOR
WHAT?

THANK
HEAVEN.



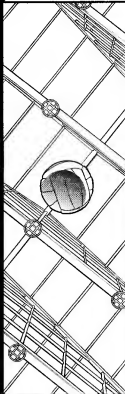




FOR NERI,
IT WAS THE
FIRST TIME
SHE'D FELT
THAT WAY IN
HER ENTIRE
LIFE.

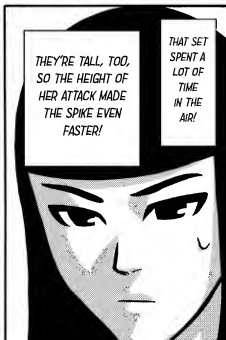


SHE
KNEW SHE
PROBABLY
COULDN'T
REACT IN
TIME.



THE
MOMENT
THE BALL
WENT INTO
THE AIR,
NERI
KNEW IT.



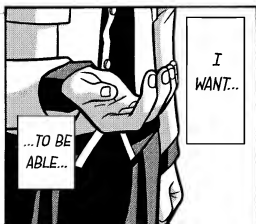




...WITH
OVER-
WHELM-
ING
FORCE.

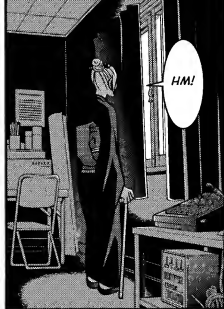
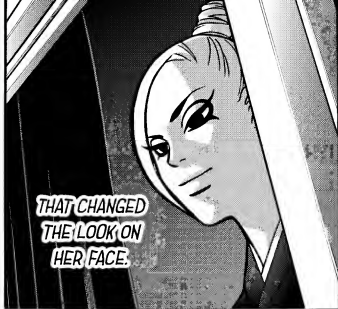


...TO
SPIKE
LIKE
THAT...



...TO BE
ABLE...

I
WANT...









NOT IF
MY LIFE
DEPENDED
ON IT.

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
DON'T
WANNA
BORROW
MINE?

ATSU-
KOOO! DO
YOU THINK
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO
MOVE IN
THAT
SKIRT?



...TO DO
THAT?

SHE
WANTS
ME...

YOU'RE
NEXT,
ATSUKO
NOBU-
TOMO.

MY NOSE
WON'T
STOP
BLEED-
ING!



I GUESS
THESE
GIRLS...

...ARE
THE
SAME AS
OISHI.



OH, SO YOU
DON'T EVEN
HAVE TO TRY
AGAINST ME,
IS THAT IT?

YOU
STUCK-UP
PRICKS.



RIGHT
ON.

OH BOY, AM
I TIRED. TIME
TO SWITCH.
I'LL LEAVE
THE REST TO
YOU, YUKA.



SO, YUKA
AND SARA,
WHY DON'T
YOU TWO
SWITCH?

ALTHOUGH, IF
I REMEMBER
CORRECTLY,
NOBUTOMO'S
BETTER
AGAINST
HARDER
SPIKES.



GOD
DAMN
IT...

Sign: Go for the gold! Jonan Elementary

LIKE, I HEARD
SHE'S SHORT,
BUT SUPER
GOOD.

NERI
OISHI?



IN VOLLEY-
BALL, THE
BIGGER
GIRL WINS.

THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN A
DAMN
THING.

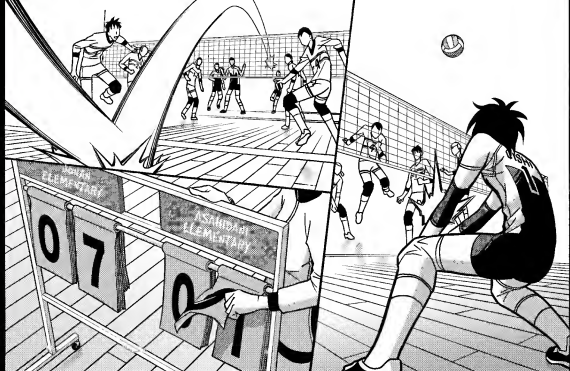
THERE'S
NO WAY
WE'RE
GONNA
LOSE.



AND,
APPARENTLY, HER
TEAM'S WHOLE
STARTING LINEUP
HAS BEEN
SCOUTED BY
HAKUJUNZAN.

IT'S
LIKE
THEY'RE
ON A
WHOLE
'NOTHER
LEVEL.







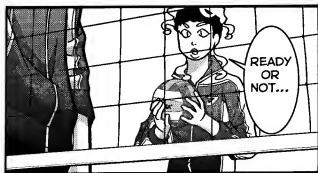
WE SHOULD
SAVE OUR
STRENGTH
FOR THE
LAST ONE.

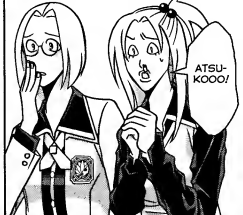
WE'LL
SWITCH OUT
WITH OUR B
TEAM FOR
THE SECOND
SET.



YOU MUST NOT
REMEMBER ME,
HUH, OISHI?

THAT'S
WHAT
PISSES
ME OFF.

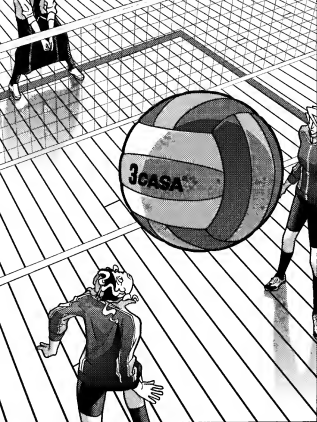


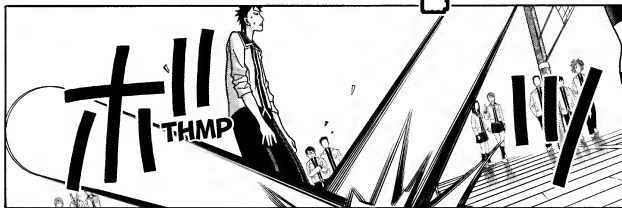
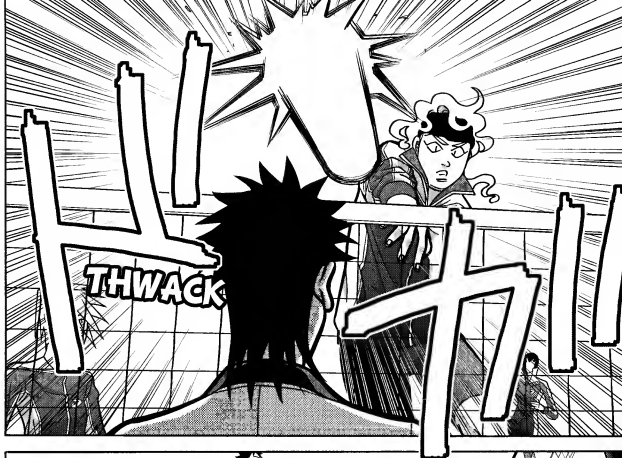


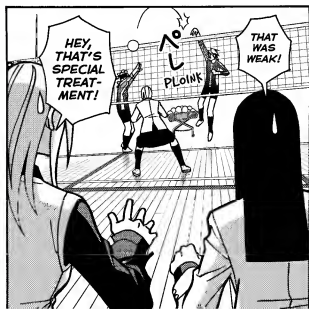


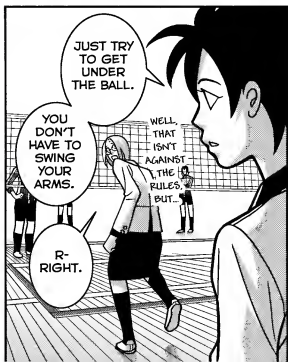
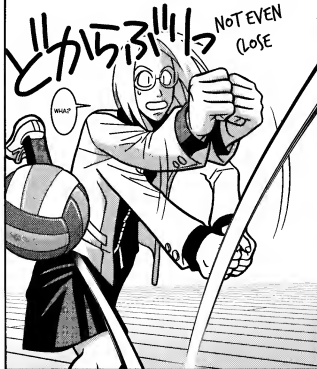
*Elementary school matches consist of three sets, each to twenty-one points.

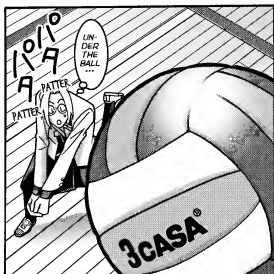
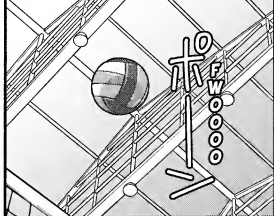
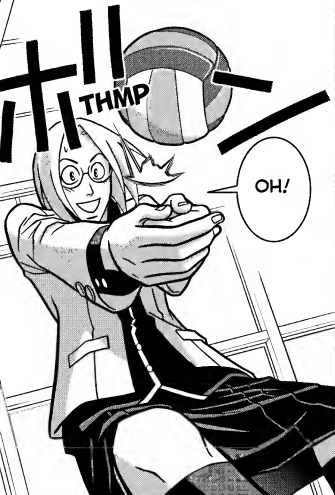


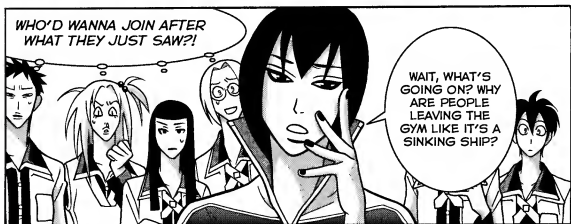


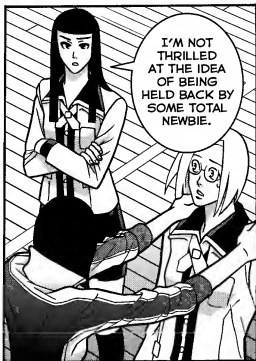


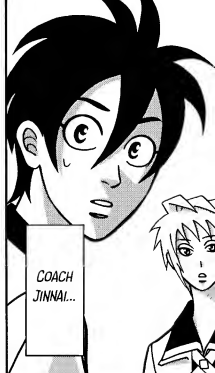


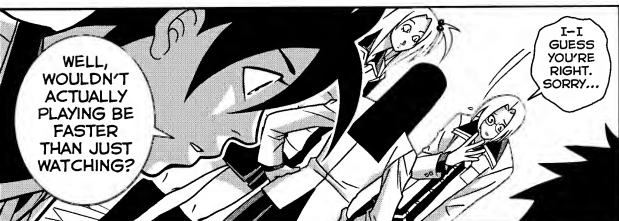
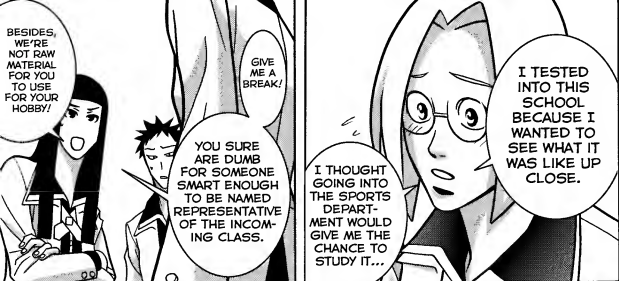


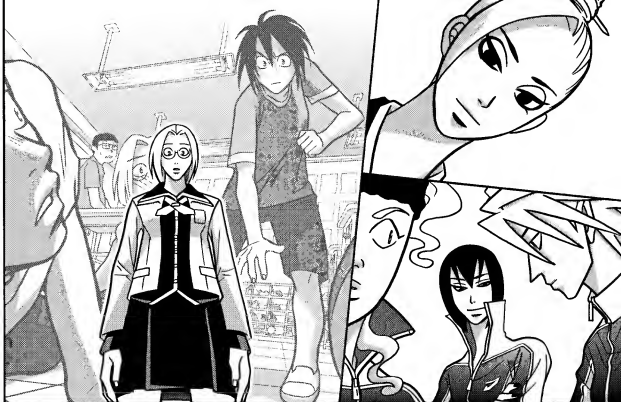












YOU HAVE
THE POWER
TO CHANGE
THINGS FOR
YOURSELF.

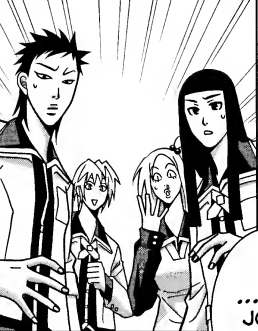
HEY! YOU
CAN'T JUST
LET THEM
BULLY YOU
LIKE THAT.



OH...



NERI-
SAN...



...I'LL
JOIN.



PLEASE
BEAR WITH
ME AS I
LEARN HOW
TO PLAY.



GET YOUR-
SELF SOME
CONTACT
LENSES.

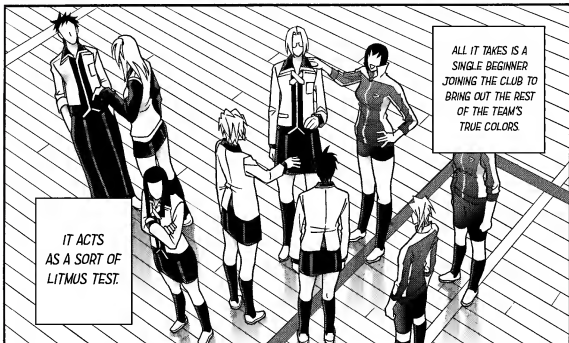
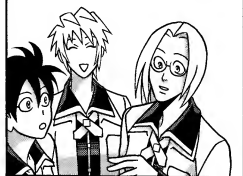
YES,
MA'AM!

...GOOD.

SHE MUST
BE FEELING
BETTER!

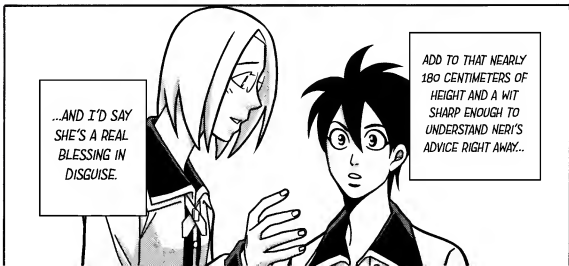


MOST OF THE
OTHERS HAVE
EXPERIENCED
SETBACKS AND
GOTTEN JADED.



IT ACTS
AS A SORT OF
LITMUS TEST.

ALL IT TAKES IS A
SINGLE BEGINNER
JOINING THE CLUB TO
BRING OUT THE REST
OF THE TEAM'S
TRUE COLORS.



...AND I'D SAY
SHE'S A REAL
BLESSING IN
DISGUISE.

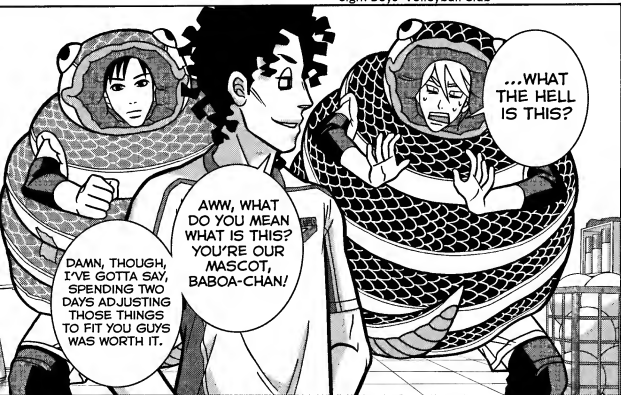
ADD TO THAT NEARLY
180 CENTIMETERS OF
HEIGHT AND A WIT
SHARP ENOUGH TO
UNDERSTAND NERI'S
ADVICE RIGHT AWAY...



UHH,
YURAGI-
SEMPAI...



Sign: Boys' Volleyball Club



...WHAT
THE HELL
IS THIS?

AWW, WHAT
DO YOU MEAN
WHAT IS THIS?
YOU'RE OUR
MASCOT,
BABOA-CHAN!

DAMN, THOUGH,
I'VE GOTTA SAY,
SPENDING TWO
DAYS ADJUSTING
THOSE THINGS
TO FIT YOU GUYS
WAS WORTH IT.



YURAGI-
SEMPAI'S
SO SMART.

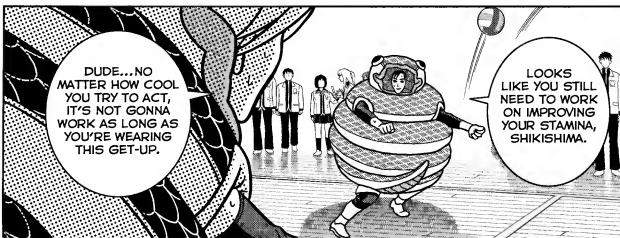
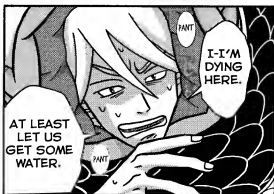
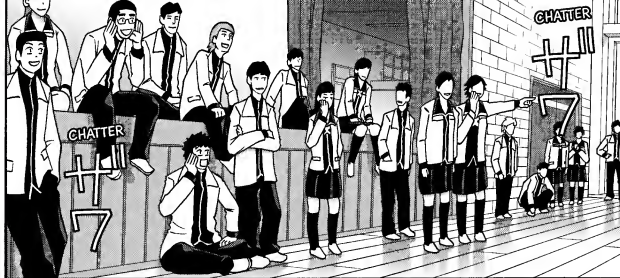
...THIS'LL
BE GOOD
PRACTICE,
Y'KNOW.

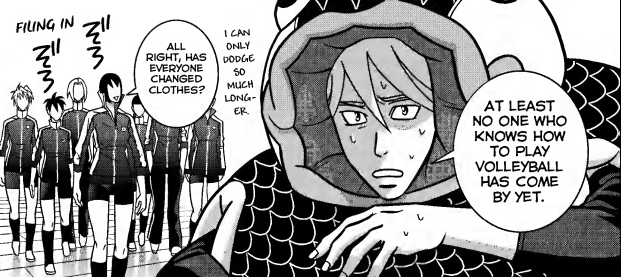


DUDE,
WE'RE
THE ONLY
FIRST-
YEARS
HERE,
ANYWAY!

NOW, LISTEN
UP, FIRST-
YEARS. YOU
GUYS ARE
GONNA ACT
AS TARGETS
FOR US.

YOU LOOK
COOL IN A
GROSS WAY.
♥ TIME
TO GO!







GO
KILL
'EM,
TIGER.



I
KNEW
YOU'D
SAY
THAT.
♥

ALL RIGHT
THEN! ONE
OF YOUR NEW
MEMBERS
CAN HAVE
ONE GO!



YES?

OH,
OISHI.



IT'S
JUST
ONE
SPIKE.

ARE
YOU
SURE,
CAP-
TAIN?



NERI.

SERI-
OUSLY?



URK!
OH
GOD!
NERI'S
HERE!

DON'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
HER JUST
'CAUSE
SHE'S A
GIRL, MAN!



SHE'S BEEN SPIKING OFF MY BROTHER'S SETS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

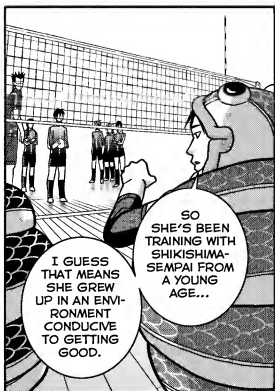
OH YEAH, I MEAN MY OLD FRIEND, NERI OISHI.

WHO'S NERI?



NERI-SAN OR WHOEVER! SPIKE THAT BALL AT ME!

THAT ONLY MAKES IT EVEN MORE PRESSING THAT I MAKE THIS RECEPTION!



I GUESS THAT MEANS SHE GREW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE TO GETTING GOOD.

SO SHE'S BEEN TRAINING WITH SHIKISHIMA-SEMPAI FROM A YOUNG AGE...



IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

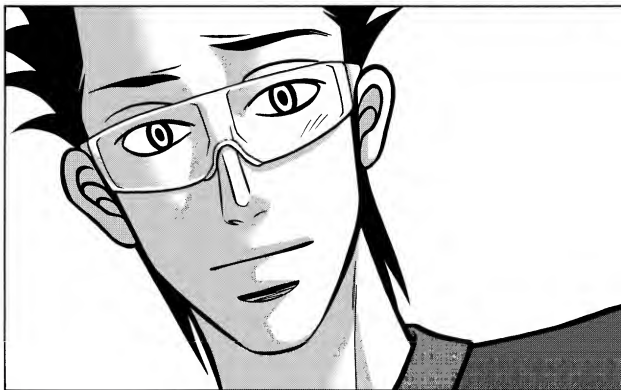
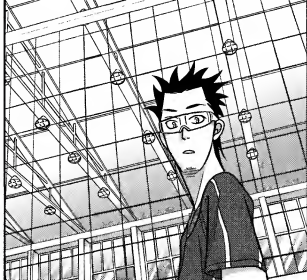


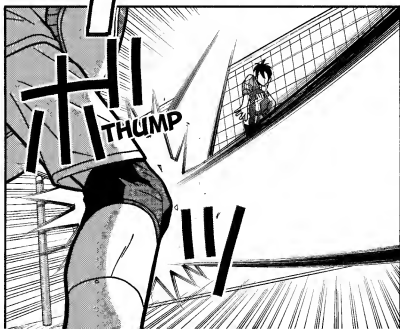
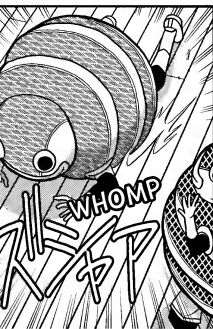
SHOW HIM WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

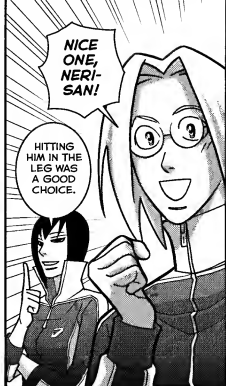
YEAH, HE'S BEING WEIRD.

GIVE THE BOY WHAT HE WANTS.

UHH... HUH?









Book: Weekly Shonen Fight (title), Edogowo Volleyballers by Machiko Sakaida (Bottom Right)



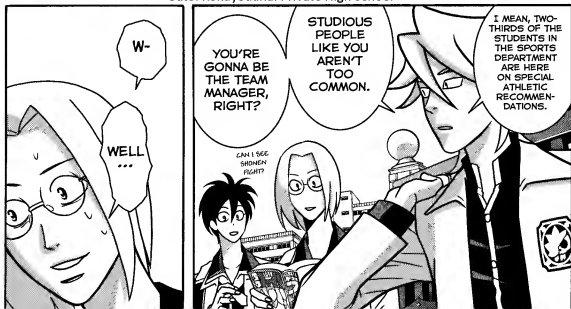
Fight 10 Dog's Breakfast



WE'VE
BARELY
STARTED
SCHOOL AND
THEY WANT US
TO SPEND A
WEEK ON
NOTHING
BUT CLUB
ACTIVITIES.

IT'S PRETTY
WEIRD HOW
THEY DO OUR
SCHEDULES IN
THE SPORTS
DEPARTMENT,
ISN'T IT?

Gate: Kokuyodanai Private High School



W-

WELL
...

YOU'RE
GONNA BE
THE TEAM
MANAGER,
RIGHT?

CAN I SEE
SHONEN
RIGHT?

STUDIOUS
PEOPLE
LIKE YOU
AREN'T
TOO COMMON.

I MEAN, TWO-
THIRDS OF THE
STUDENTS IN
THE SPORTS
DEPARTMENT
ARE HERE ON
SPECIAL
ATHLETIC
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS.

WAIT
...

...SO YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
GONNA PLAY
VOLLEYBALL,
ODAGIRI?!

SIGH...
WELL, AS
THEY SAY,
NOTHING
VENTURED,
NOTHING
GAINED.

SWIRK
SWIRK

MAYBE
THAT'S
FOR THE
BEST,
THOUGH,
HUH?

OH, HEY.
THERE'S A
VOLLEYBALL
COMIC IN
HERE.

I'M
PRETTY
SUR-
PRISED
MYSELF.

DAAAAAMN. I WAS
JUST MESSING
AROUND. I
DIDN'T THINK
YOU'D REALLY
DO IT.

CHECK
OUT PAGE
TO OF
VOLUME
ONE.

WHDA!

AND AM I
SUPPOSED
TO
ENTER
THOSE
HALLS?

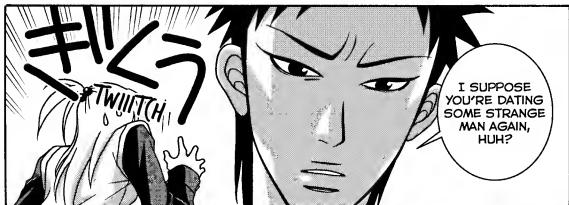
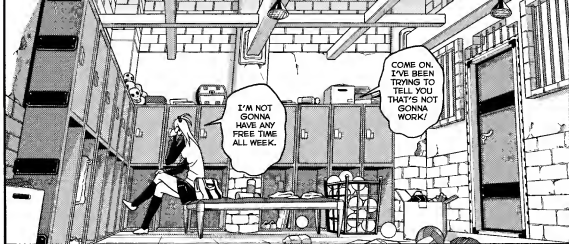
THERE'S
NO WAY I
COULD
DO THAT.

TALL AS YOU
ARE, I'M SURE
THEY'D BE HAPPY
TO PUT YOU
THROUGH BOOT
CAMP.

WHY
DON'T
YOU
TRY?

ANYWAY, I
THINK SHE'S
LIABLE TO FLIP
TODAY, SO I'M
COUNTING ON
YOU.

?





OH,
HEY.

MUST
BE NICE
COMMUTING
TO SCHOOL.
SEEMS LAID-
BACK.



DON'T
LET SOME
STUPID MIS-
TAKE MESS
THAT UP.

WITH GRADES
LIKE OURS, THIS
SCHOOL IS THE
ONLY ONE THERE IS
THAT WOULD WAIVE
OUR TUITION AND
LET US PLAY
VOLLEYBALL.

I KNOW.
I KNOW.



WHATEVER
FLOATS
YOUR BOAT.

OH GOD,
THERE'S NO
WAY YOU
COULD GET ME
TO LIVE IN THE
DORMS!

THAT'S
WHY I
CHOSE TO
LIVE IN THE
DORMS.

DUH.

MORNING
PRACTICE
ALREADY?
YOU DON'T
WASTE ANY
TIME, DO
YOU?



GOOD
MORNING.

THE
DORMS,
HUH?

MOR-
NING.



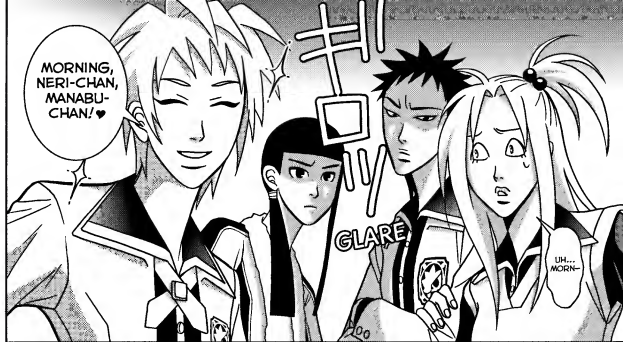
GOOD
THING
WE LIVE
NEARBY,
RIGHT,
ATSUKO?

ATSU-
KO?

YOU WERE
UP SO EARLY,
SHINOBU! I
COULDN'T GET
OUT OF BED.

GOOD
MORNING!

YOU'D
JUST END
UP LIKE
HER,
ANYWAY.



MORNING,
NERI-CHAN,
MANABU-
CHAN!♥

GLARE

UH...
MORN-



EVERY-
ONE'S
HERE SO
EARLY.
HA HA...



NERI-
SAN...

...LOOK
AT THIS.



...PALLING
AROUND WITH
ME MIGHT MAKE
THINGS PRETTY
HARD FOR YOU
HERE.



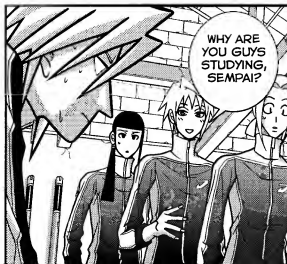
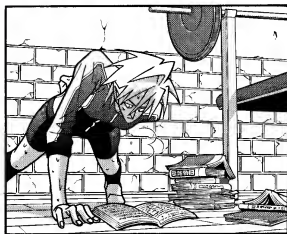
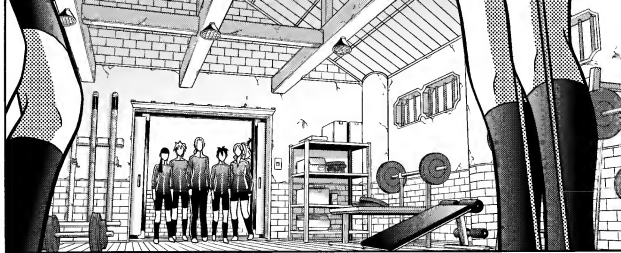
NERI-
SAN?

WOULD
YOU LIKE
ANY TEA,
NERI-
SAN?



Y'KNOW
...





DING
DING
DING!

THE
LONG-
TERM
PRIVATE
OWNER-
SHIP
OF NEW
FIELDS
LAW?

WHAT LAW WAS
PROMULGATED
THE SAME YEAR AS
THE IMPERIAL ORDER
TO CONSTRUCT THE
MONUMENT TO THE
BUDDHA VAIROcana
AT TODAJI TEMPLE?

WHY ARE
YOU GUYS
STUDYING,
SEMPAI?

GOOD
MORN-
ING...





THIS CLUB
EXPECTS ITS
MEMBERS TO
ACHIEVE BOTH
ATHLETICALLY
AND ACADEMICALLY.



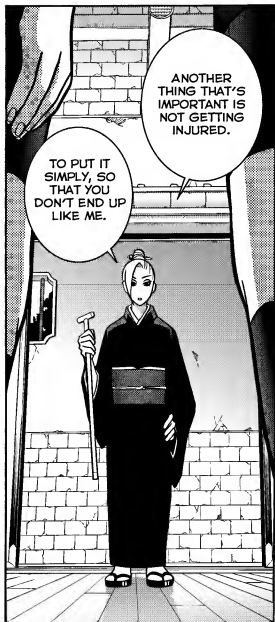
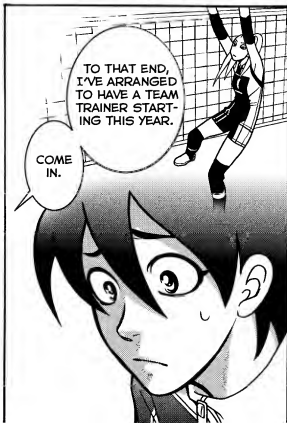
GOOD MORNING...

GOOD
MORNING,
COACH
JINNAI!



WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO
HAVE ANY
DULLARDS ON
OUR STARTING
LINEUP.

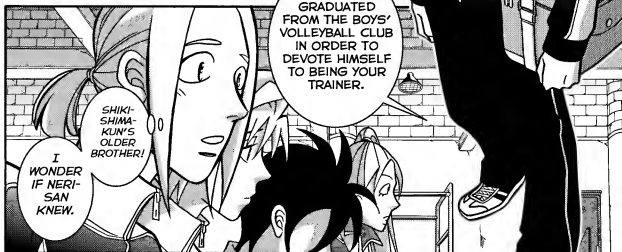
YOU NEED TO BE
ABLE TO THINK
FOR YOURSELF
OUT THERE ON
THE COURT.





HE'S THE
HEIR TO
SHIKISHIMA
OSTEOPATHY,
A LOCALLY
FAMOUS
CLINIC.

THIS IS
SHIGERU
SHIKISHIMA, A
SECOND-YEAR
STUDENT IN
THE SPORTS
DEPARTMENT.



SHIKI-
SHIMA-
KUN'S
OLDER
BROTHER!

I
WONDER
IF NERI-
SAN
KNEW.

HE'S
GRADUATED
FROM THE BOYS'
VOLLEYBALL CLUB
IN ORDER TO
DEVOTE HIMSELF
TO BEING YOUR
TRAINER.

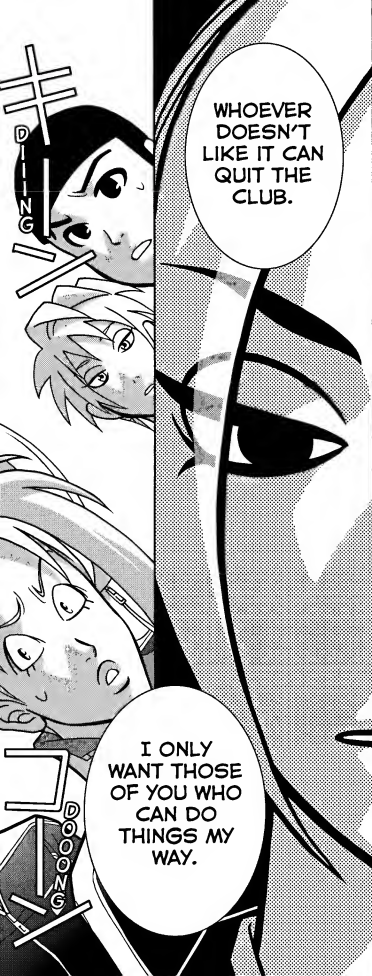


HIS PRIMARY
DUTIES WILL
BE TO DIRECT
YOUR TRAINING
AND PERFORM
SPORTS
MASSAGES.

FOR
NOW, HE
IS YOUR
MANAGER,
AS WELL.

HUH
?!





WHOEVER
DOESN'T
LIKE IT CAN
QUIT THE
CLUB.

I ONLY
WANT THOSE
OF YOU WHO
CAN DO
THINGS MY
WAY.



YES.

IS HE
GONNA
DO OUR
PHYSICAL
EXAMS,
TOO?!



AND
HE'S
GONNA
FRICKIN'
TOUCH
US?!

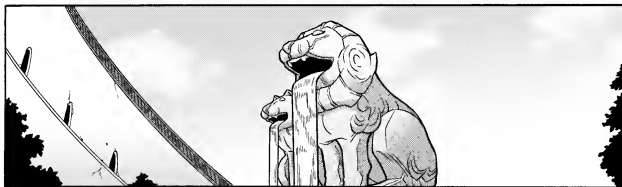
FORGET
THE
MESSAGES.
THAT'D
JUST BE
AWKWARD.

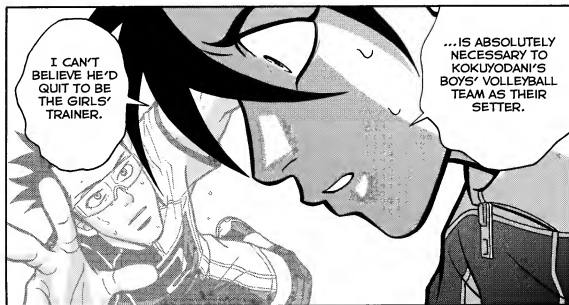
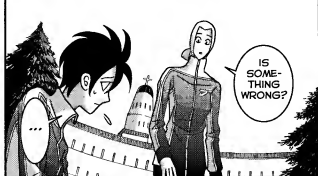
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グアハ

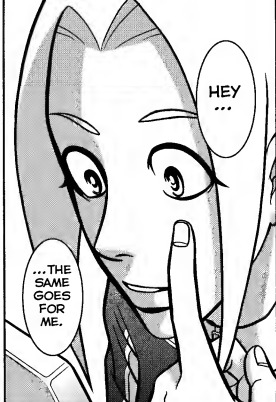
WHAAAT?!
THERE'S
NO WAY IN
HELL!

...I'D LIKE TO
PASS ON THE
SEXUAL HARASS-
MENT! I DON'T
WANT SOME GUY MY
AGE KNOWING MY
WEIGHT OR WHEN I
HAVE MY PERIOD.

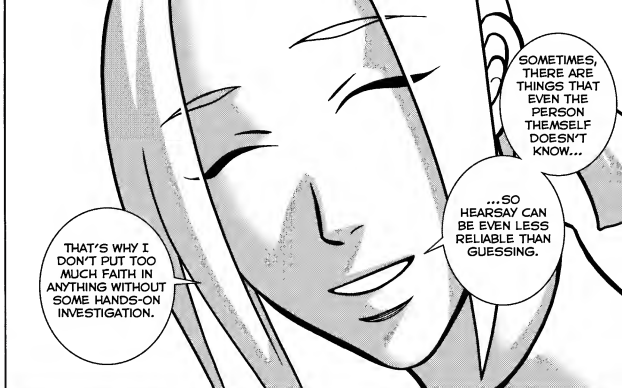
SILENCE.











THAT'S WHY I
DON'T PUT TOO
MUCH FAITH IN
ANYTHING WITHOUT
SOME HANDS-ON
INVESTIGATION.

SOMETIMES,
THERE ARE
THINGS THAT
EVEN THE
PERSON
THEMSELF
DOESN'T
KNOW...

...SO
HEARSAY CAN
BE EVEN LESS
RELIABLE THAN
GUESSING.



EVERYONE
WAS
PROBABLY
JUST SICK
OF PLAYING
VOLLEYBALL
WITH YOU,
NERI.



AGH, I'LL
BE RIGHT
THERE!
WAIT UP!

GOOD,
SHEP'TM
GONNA BE
LATE, SO I'M
HANGING UP
FOR REU'L

HEY,
HAYASAKA-
SAN! WE'LL
BE IN
TROUBLE IF
WE DON'T
GET BACK
TO THE
GYM!

ALTHOUGH,
WE ARE
ALREADY
PRETTY
LATE.



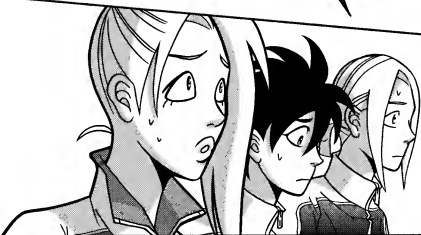
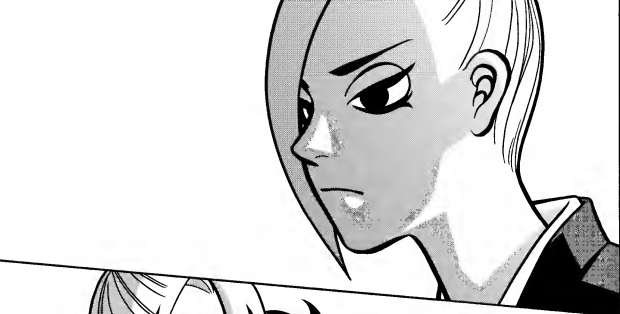
HUH?
IT'S
HAYA-
SAKA-
SAN.

...



MAYBE WE
SHOULD
GIVE HER
AN OUT.

LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S
FIGHTING
ABOUT
SOME-
THING.



IN ONE WEEK,
THE THREE OF
YOU WHO WERE
LATE WILL PLAY A
MATCH AGAINST
THE OTHER
THREE.

SINCE THE SECOND-
YEARS ARE HAVING
THEIR TESTS, WE
WON'T BE TRAINING
AS A CLUB THIS
WEEK, SO YOU'LL
HAVE TO DIRECT
YOUR OWN
PRACTICE.

EACH TEAM
IS TO DECIDE
HOW TO TRAIN
AND PUT THAT
PLAN INTO
ACTION INDE-
PENDENTLY.

HOW-
EVER
...

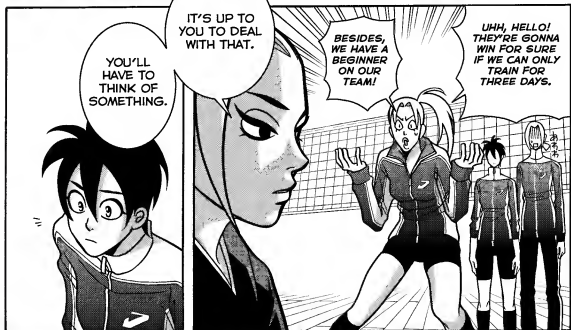


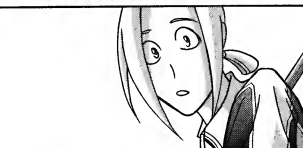
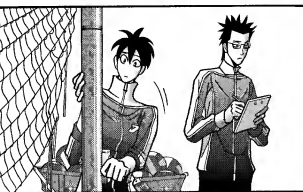
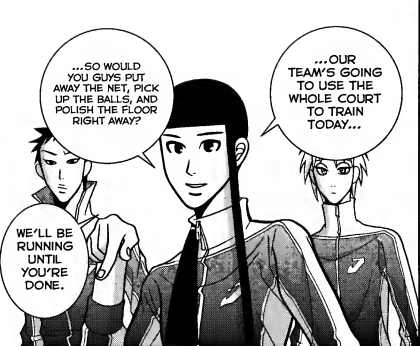
THEY MAY HAVE
NERI OISHI, BUT
THAT WON'T MAKE
UP FOR THE TOTAL
NEWBIE AND THE
AIRHEAD.

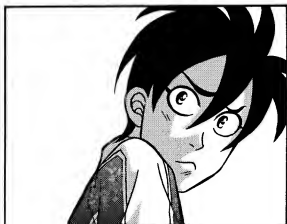
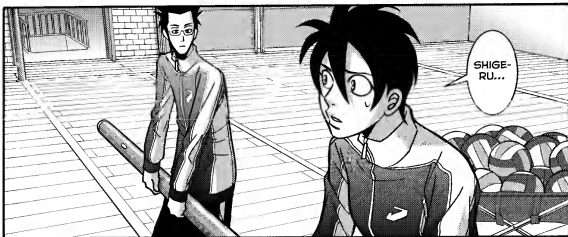
WE'VE
ALREADY
WON.

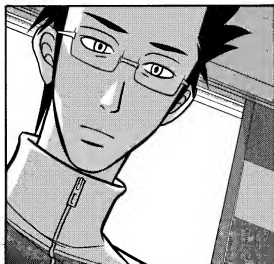
HEH
HEH



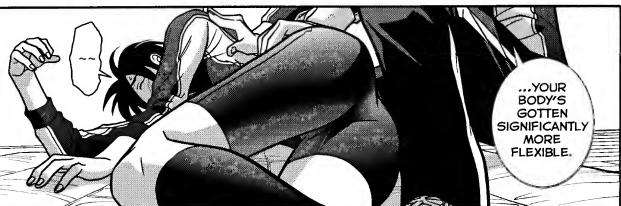














I DIDN'T
DO IT
FOR YOUR
SAKE.



I QUIT
FOR
MYSELF.



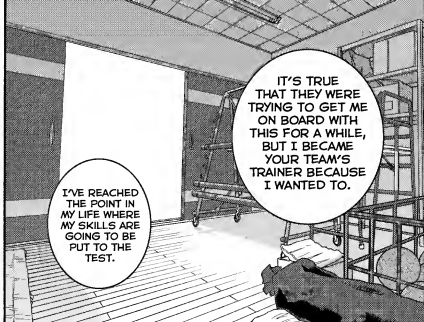
...NERI.

DON'T
GET THE
WRONG
IDEA...

...I
PROBABLY
WANNA...



...BE
LIKE MY
DAD.



I'VE REACHED
THE POINT IN
MY LIFE WHERE
MY SKILLS ARE
GOING TO BE
PUT TO THE
TEST.

IT'S TRUE
THAT THEY WERE
TRYING TO GET ME
ON BOARD WITH
THIS FOR A WHILE,
BUT I BECAME
YOUR TEAM'S
TRAINER BECAUSE
I WANTED TO.



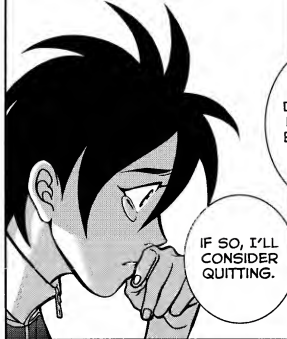
...I'D LIKE
TO WORK
WHERE I'M
EXPECTED
TO.

THAT
BEING
THE
CASE...



ME? I
THINK...

WHAT
DO YOU
WANNA BE
WHEN YOU
GROW UP,
SHIGERU?



DO YOU
DISLIKE THE
IDEA OF ME
BEING YOUR
TRAINER?

IF SO, I'LL
CONSIDER
QUITTING.



OF
COURSE
...

...I DON'T
DISLIKE IT.





KEY
WORD:
FRIENDS.

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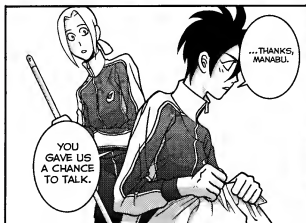
NOW
THAT
MAKES
YOU
WON-
DER!



ARE
THEY
A
THING?

THEY'RE
OLD
FRIENDS.

...THOSE
TWO HAVE
BEEN IN THE
STORAGE
CLOSET FOR
A WHILE
NOW.



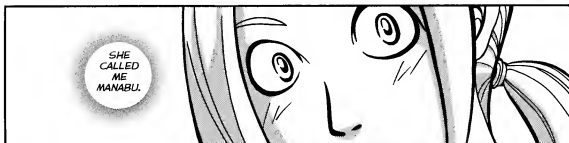
...THANKS,
MANABU.

YOU
GAVE US
A CHANCE
TO TALK.



NO
BIGGIE.
IS THIS
TRASH?
I'LL TAKE
IT OUT.

THANKS FOR
PICKING UP
THE BALLS,
NERI-SAN.



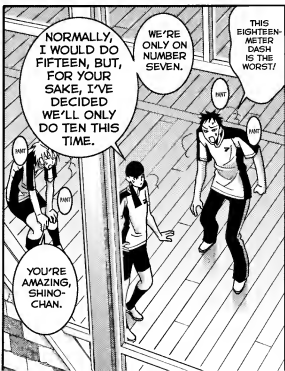
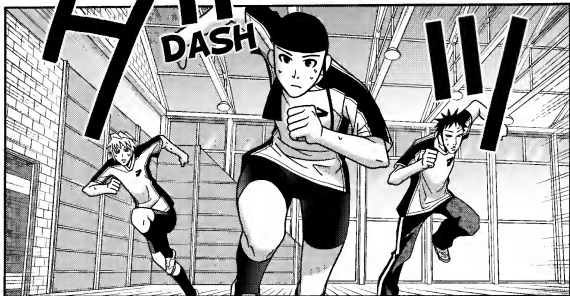
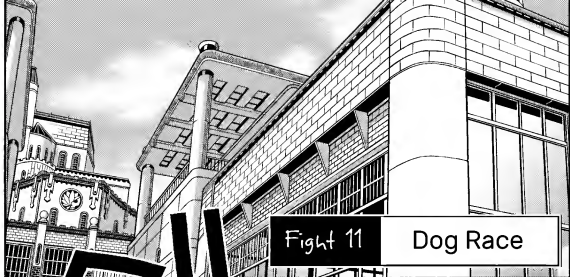
SHE
CALLED
ME
MANABU.



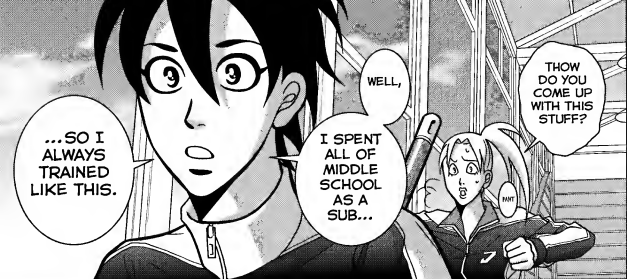
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

I'M
GLAD
TO HEAR
THAT!

Fight 10, Over







...SO I ALWAYS TRAINED LIKE THIS.

WELL,

I SPENT ALL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL AS A SUB...

THOW DO YOU COME UP WITH THIS STUFF?



WHOA!

PANT

...HER'S THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO ISN'T PANTING.

LIKE TO PICK UP THE BALLS WITHOUT LETTING MY HEELS TOUCH THE GROUND.

PANT

COME TO THINK OF IT...



YOU GOT IT.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THOUGH, I GUESS THAT COULD BE WHY I NEVER SAW YOU IN A MATCH.

WHAT? NO WAY! YOU WERE A BENCHER?!



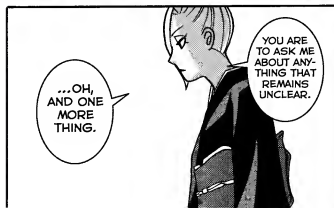
CLEANING.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?



I GET IT. YOU MUST'VE BEEN SO SHOCKED TO FIND OUT SHIGERU WAS YOUR TRAINER THAT YOU SHOWED UP LATE—

GAH!





YOU'RE
DIS-
MISSED.

THAT
IS ALL.

THANK
YOU,
MA'AM.

ALWAYS
DO IT WITH
A GOAL IN
MIND.



DON'T
JUST
PRACTICE
PERFUNC-
TORILY.



OH,
YEAH.

YOUR
HAIR
TIE'S
FALLING
OUT.

A
GOAL?

OUR
GOAL IS
TO WIN,
AFTER
ALL.

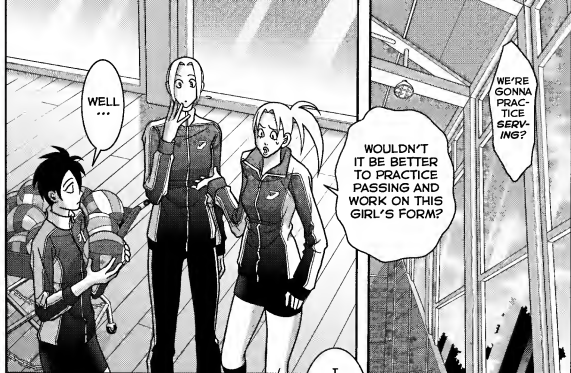
DUH.

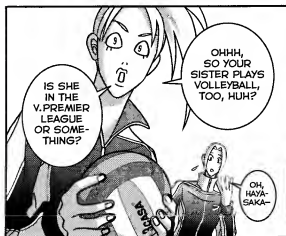
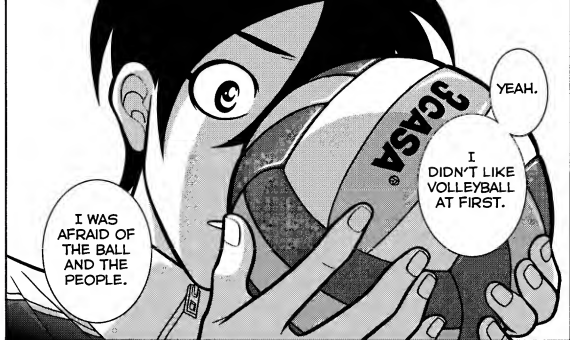
SHOULD
BE
BROOK
AND
PROCT-
TOR?



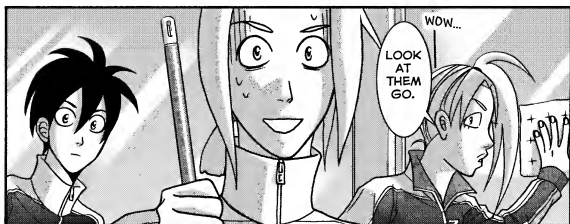
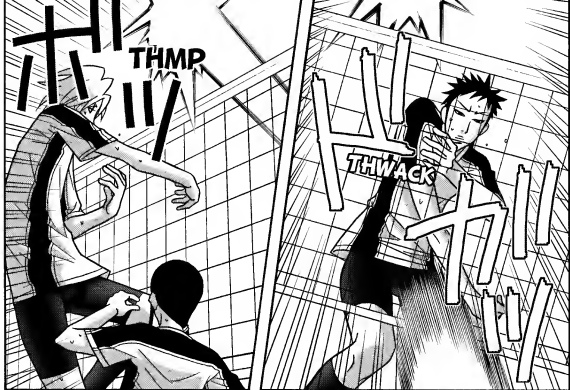
YEAH, THAT
PHASE IS
NEVER FUN.

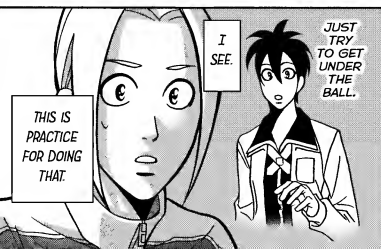
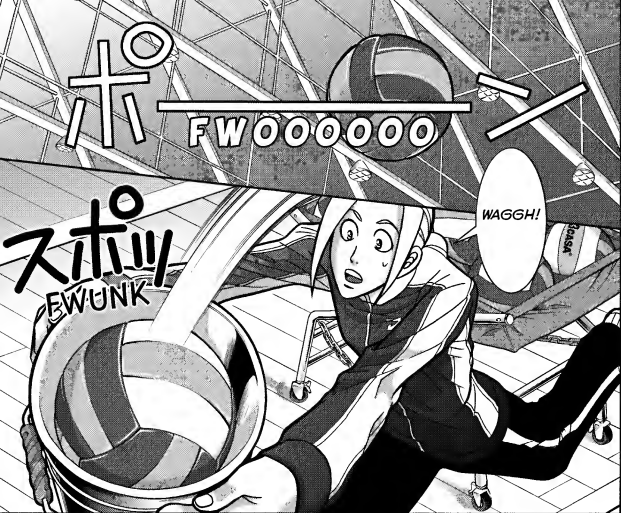
MY HAIR'S
AT THAT
IN-BETWEEN
LENGTH, SO
IT'S ALWAYS
DOING THAT.

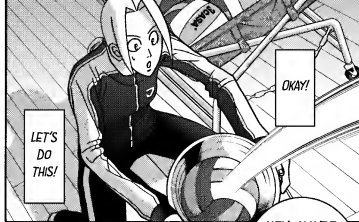
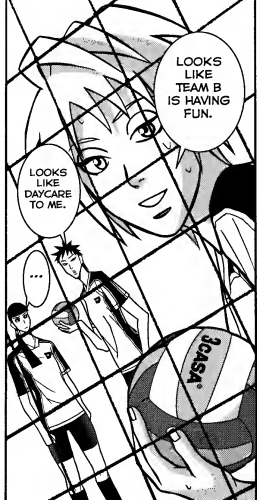


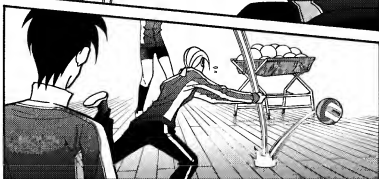
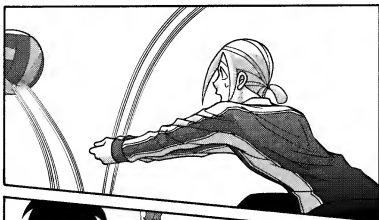
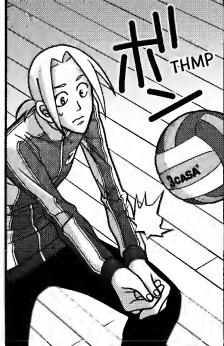
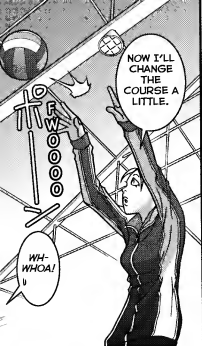


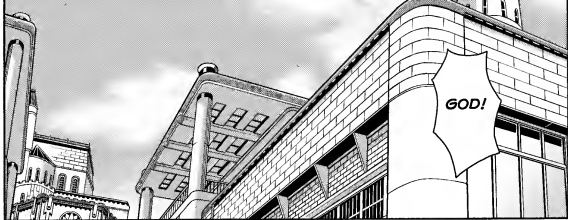


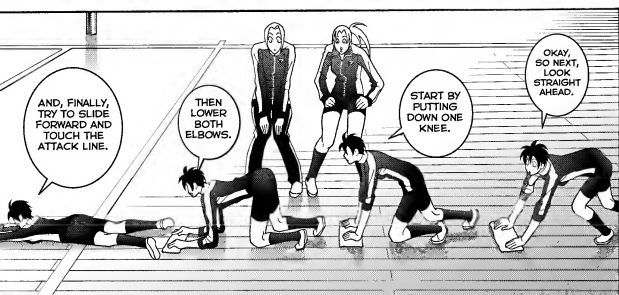


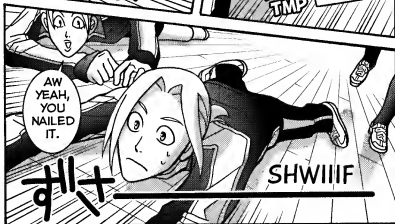


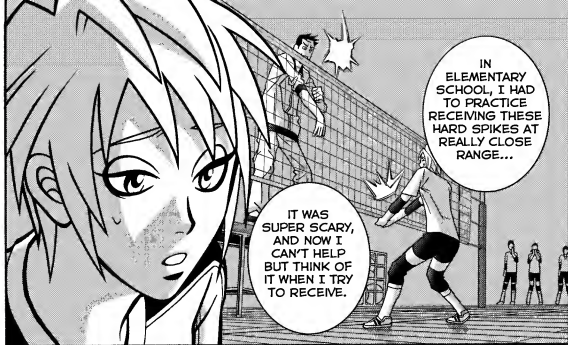












IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, I HAD
TO PRACTICE
RECEIVING THESE
HARD SPIKES AT
REALLY CLOSE
RANGE...

IT WAS
SUPER SCARY,
AND NOW I
CAN'T HELP
BUT THINK OF
IT WHEN I TRY
TO RECEIVE.



HOW WERE
THEY SUPPOSED
TO PRACTICE
WITHOUT RE-
CEIVING?

GIVE ME A
BREAK!

YEAH, I
GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

YOU'RE
NOT TAKING
THIS NEARLY
SERIOUSLY
ENOUGH.
GOD.



WELL
...

WEIRD.

I MEAN,
YOU BLOCK
AT EVEN
CLOSER
RANGE,
DON'T YOU?



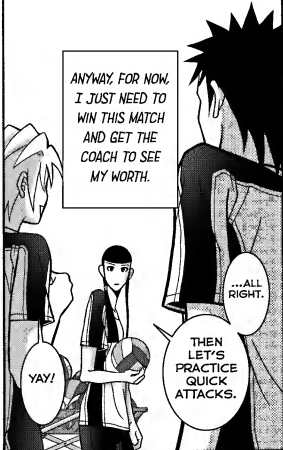
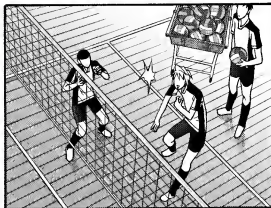
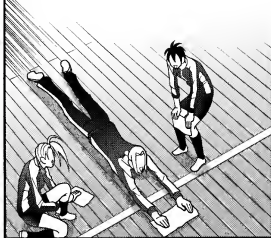
IT WAS
LIKE, I'LL
SAVE EVERYONE
FROM HAVING
TO RECEIVE COACH'S
BRUTAL HITS!

...THERE
WAS JUST
SOMETHING
FUN ABOUT
BLOCKING.



MUST BE
NICE AND
EASY-GOING
BEING TALL.

AT MY HEIGHT, I
HAVE TO TRAIN
MORE THAN TWICE
AS HARD AS YOU
GUYS TO GET ANY
RESPECT.



ANYWAY, FOR NOW,
I JUST NEED TO
WIN THIS MATCH
AND GET THE
COACH TO SEE
MY WORTH.

...ALL
RIGHT.

THEN
LET'S
PRACTICE
QUICK
ATTACKS.

YAY!



OH,
DAMN
IT.

THE
TIME?

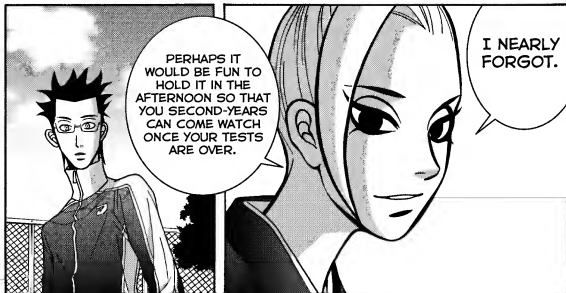
SO,
COACH, I
WANTED TO
ASK ABOUT
THE TIME OF
THE MATCH.



YES,
SHE
HAS.

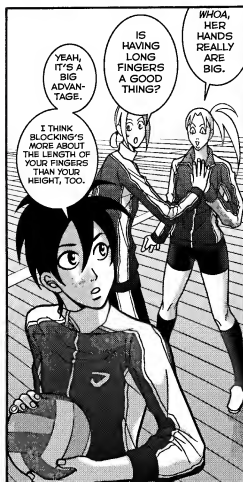
...HMM.

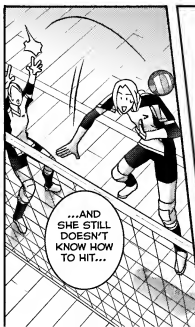
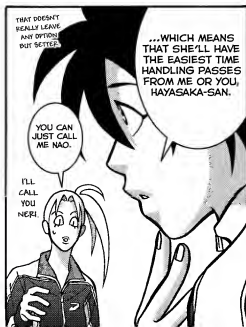
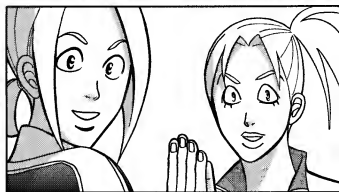
SHE'S
GIVEN
THIS A
LOT OF
THOUGHT.



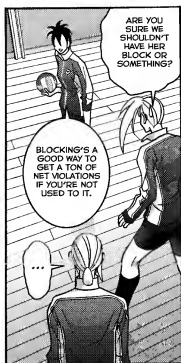
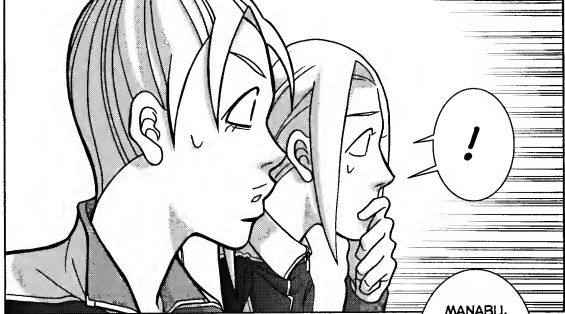
PERHAPS IT
WOULD BE FUN TO
HOLD IT IN THE
AFTERNOON SO THAT
YOU SECOND-YEARS
CAN COME WATCH
ONCE YOUR TESTS
ARE OVER.

I NEARLY
FORGOT.









ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULDN'T HAVE HER BLOCK OR SOMETHING?

BLOCKING'S A GOOD WAY TO GET A TON OF NET VIOLATIONS IF YOU'RE NOT USED TO IT.

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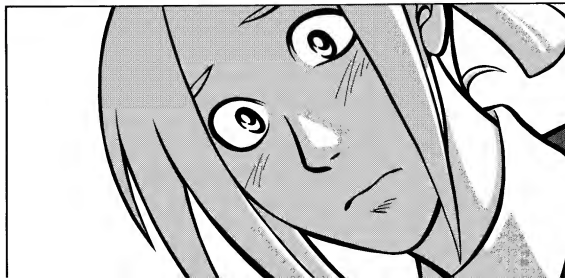
WE'LL FIGURE OUT THE REST.

DON'T WORRY.



MANABU, ALL YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IS GET THE BALL IN THE AIR.

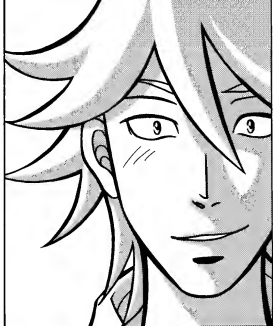
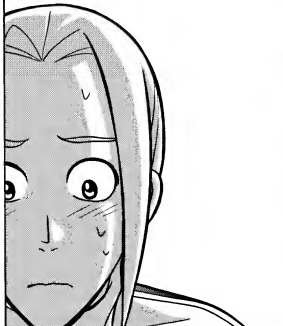
THAT'S IT.





Sign: Shikishima Osteopathy

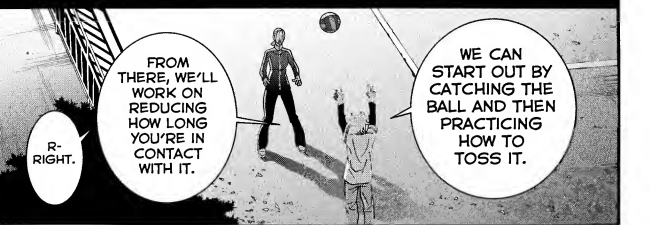






YEAH,
LIKE
THAT.

FACE THE
DIRECTION
YOU WANT
THE BALL
TO GO.



R-
RIGHT.

FROM
THERE, WE'LL
WORK ON
REDUCING
HOW LONG
YOU'RE IN
CONTACT
WITH IT.

WE CAN
START OUT BY
CATCHING THE
BALL AND THEN
PRACTICING
HOW TO
TOSS IT.



OH, I
GET IT!

...PRETEND
THE BALL'S
A BOMB,
Y'KNOW?

THAT WAY,
IT'S EASIER TO
GET THE IDEA
THAT YOU NEED
TO HANDLE IT
GENTLY USING
YOUR KNEES.



ACK!



BWA
?!

KA-
BOOM!



AS THINGS STAND, I'VE DONE NOTHING BUT TAKE AND TAKE, SO I'D LIKE TO GIVE BACK TO THE TEAM SOMEHOW.

NERI-SAN AND NAO-SAN HAVE BEEN SO CONSIDERATE, MODIFYING THEIR PRACTICE FOR MY SAKE AND ALL.

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE PUSHING YOURSELF A LITTLE HARD WHEN YOU'VE JUST STARTED?

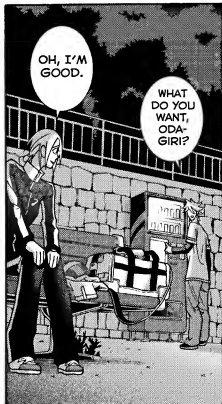
PRACTICING AFTER YOUR AFTER-SCHOOL PRACTICE DOES SEEM LIKE A LITTLE MUCH, THOUGH.



OKAY ...

...HEY, I GET THAT. BUT FOR NOW, YOU SHOULD GO HOME AND REST.

THERE'S NO POINT IN OVER-WORKING YOURSELF.



OH, I'M GOOD.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, ODA-GIRL?



SHE
DIED IN AN
ACCIDENT THE
DAY BEFORE
THE SPRING
TOURNAMENT
FINALS.

...THAT'S
HER BIG
SISTER,
MARI.

YEAH. WHO'S
THAT GIRL IN
THE JERSEY
STANDING TO
HER LEFT,
THOUGH?



OH,
THAT OLD
PICTURE?

THIS
IS...

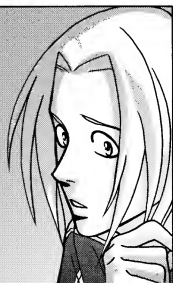


NERI DIDN'T
LIKE VOLLEYBALL
BACK THEN.
DOESN'T SHE
LOOK SULKY?



...IT SEEMS
LIKE SHE'S
HAVING A
MUCH BETTER
TIME LATELY,
THANKS
TO YOU,
ODAGIRI.

BUT I'M
GLAD...



I
DON'T
KNOW.

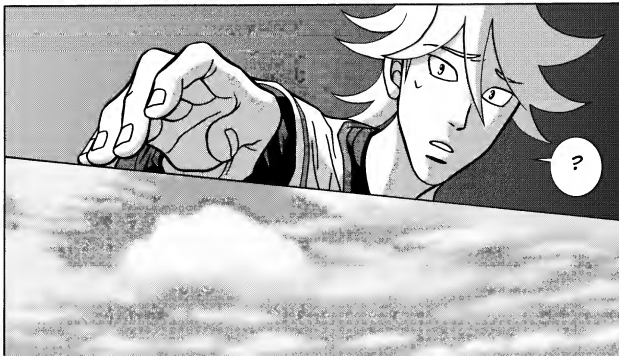
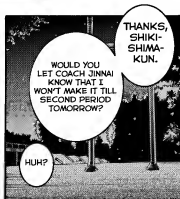
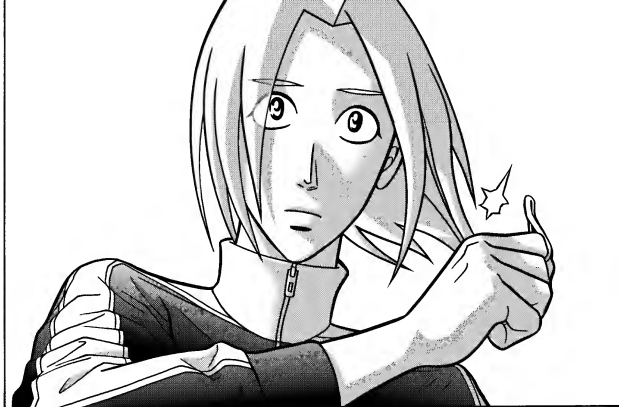
I
THINK I'M
THE ONE
WHO'S
HAVING A
GOOD
TIME.



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NERI'S
GOT SOME
BAGGAGE,
TOO.

LIKE WHAT
DROVE HER
TO GO TO
KOKUYODANI.



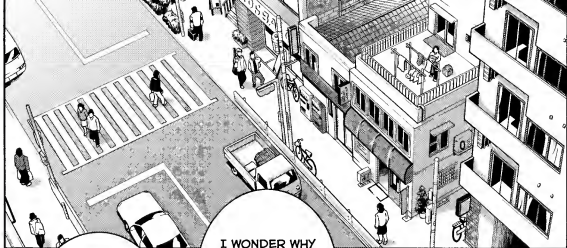




Sign: Boys' Volleyball Club

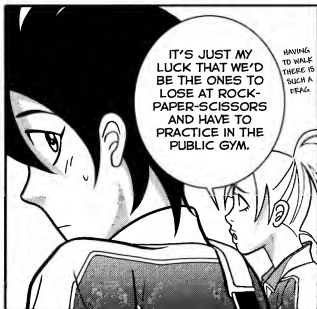
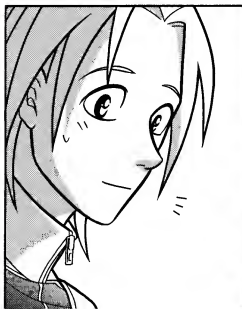


Fight 11,
Over



PROBABLY
'CAUSE SHE
DOESN'T WANT
US TO SEE
EACH OTHER'S
STRATEGIES
UNTIL
THE DAY OF
THE MATCH,
RIGHT?

I WONDER WHY
COACH JINNAI IS
HAVING US SPLIT
UP TO PRACTICE
STARTING TODAY.



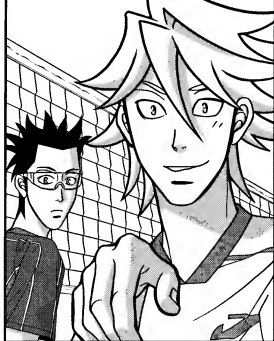
IT'S JUST MY
LUCK THAT WE'D
BE THE ONES TO
LOSE AT ROCK-
PAPER-SCISSORS
AND HAVE TO
PRACTICE IN THE
PUBLIC GYM.

HAVING
TO WALK
THERE IS
SUCH A
PENG.

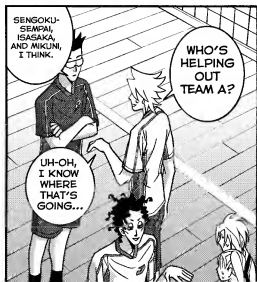
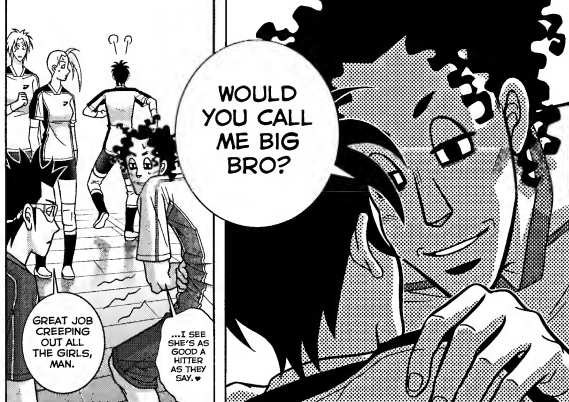


Sign: Nerima-ku Public Gym









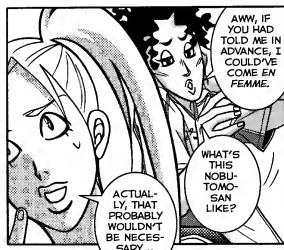




Sign: Nerima Public Gym



Paper: Ha





AND SHE'S NOT VERY TALL, BUT WHEN AN ATTACK COMES IN NEAR THE NET, I GUESS SHE HAS A HABIT OF MAKING DUMP SHOTS.

SHE'S THE BEST OF THEM AT DEFENSE.

WELL, ITAMI-SAN IS A REALLY ACCURATE SETTER.

LET'S SEE... WHAT'S EACH OF THEM LIKE?

ALSO, SHE CAN'T REALLY PASS OR MAKE RECEPTIONS.

HASEGAWA-SAN'S AGILE AND IS GOOD AT BLOCKING AND QUICK ATTACKS, BUT HER HITS MIGHT BE A LITTLE WEAK AND EASY TO DIG.

AS FOR DIGGING, SHE CAN GENERALLY MANAGE AS LONG AS THE BALL'S COMING AT HER HEAD-ON, BUT I DON'T THINK SHE CAN DEAL WITH HITS FROM UNEXPECTED ANGLES.

NOBUTOMO-SAN'S GOT A LOT OF POWER, BUT HER AIM IS LACKING, SO SHE USUALLY HITS CROSS-COURT.

WAIT UP A MINUTE.



WHOA, WHAT'S WITH YOU TWO?

YEAH.

NOBUTOMO-SAN WAS THE MAIN ONE DOING SERVE RECEIVES, RIGHT?



HUH? I MEAN, WE'VE JUST BEEN CLEANING FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS, SO I WAS ABLE TO WATCH THEM.

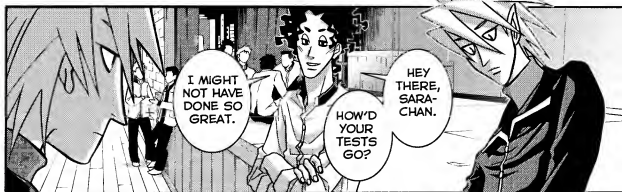
HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THAT?

OH, I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING, TOO.





THE DAY
OF THE
MATCH...



I MIGHT
NOT HAVE
DONE SO
GREAT.

HEY
THERE,
SARA-
CHAN.

HOW'D
YOUR
TESTS
GO?



I COULDN'T
HELP MYSELF.
IT WAS JUST
TOO MUCH
FUN.

BY THE
WAY, WHO
DO YOU
THINK'S
GONNA
WIN?

THAT'S
'CAUSE YOU
SPENT THREE
WHOLE DAYS
HELPING THE
FIRST-YEARS
TRAIN.

I DOUBT
COACH JINNAI
IS GOING TO
JUDGE THEM
BASED ON
WHO WINS.



YOU
ALWAYS PUT
YOURSELF
LAST, DON'T
YOU, SARA-
CHAN?

I'M JUST
ASKING
FOR YOUR
OPINION.

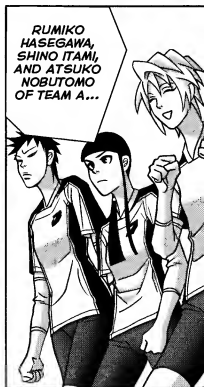
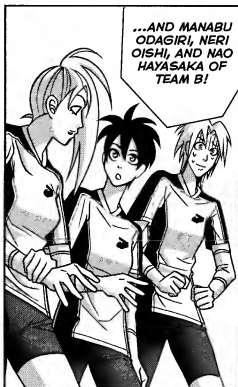
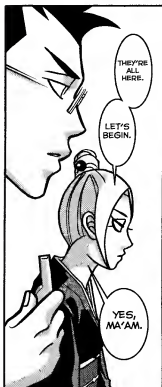
CHAT-
TER

CHATTER



*About \$2.







ARE THEY TRYING TO MAKE FOOLS OF US?!

THE SETTER LEADS THE WHOLE TEAM...

...SO AGILITY AND REFLEXES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

THERE'S NO WAY A SLOW-MOVING OAF COULD HANDLE THAT POSITION!



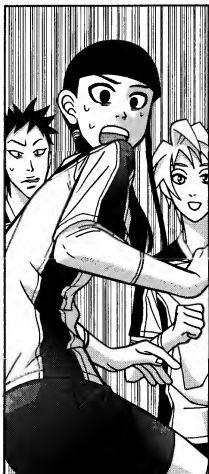
WHAT THE HELL... ARE THEY JUST GONNA THROW THE MATCH?

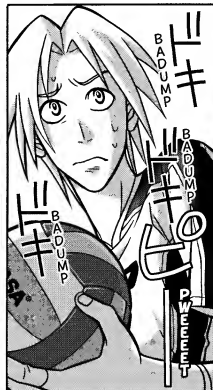
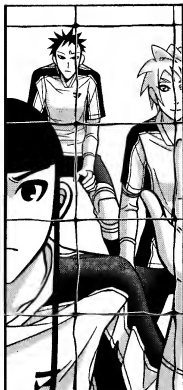
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE THEY HAVE A SECRET PLAN. ♡

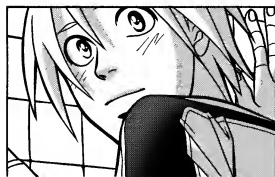


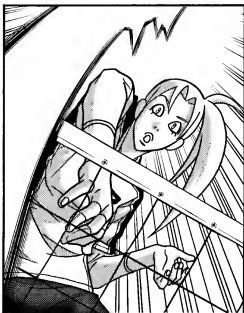
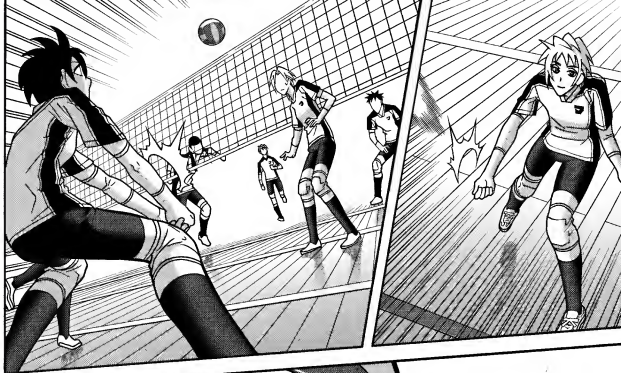
THAT'S ME!

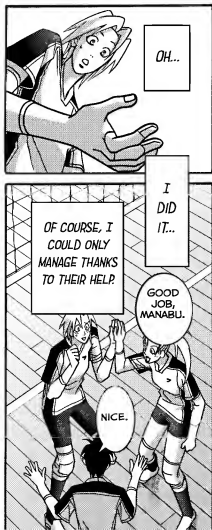
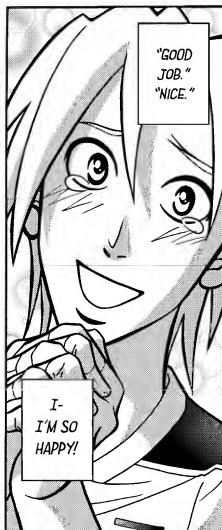
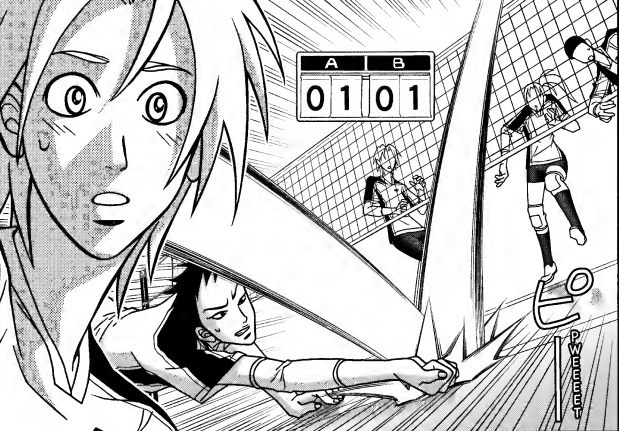
AND TEAM B'S?





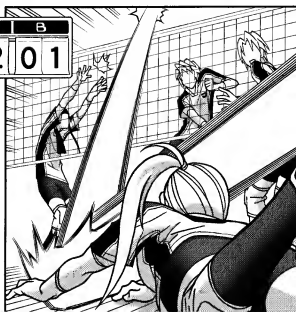








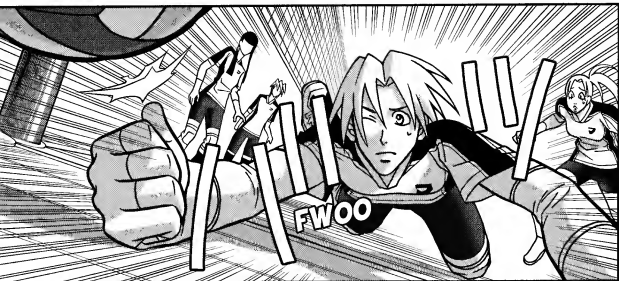
A	B
02	01





IF I
SLIDE...

...I CAN
MAKE IT!



IF NERI OISHI
DOESN'T MAKE
THE PASS, ODA-
GIRI-SAN WILL
MESS IT UP
FOR THEM.

....GOOD.



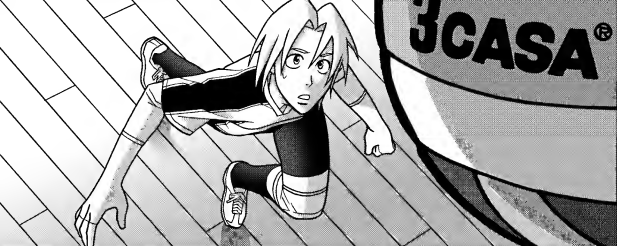
YOU'RE
DOING
GOOD.

SOR-
RY.

TOO
BAD,
MANA-
BU.

A	B
03	01

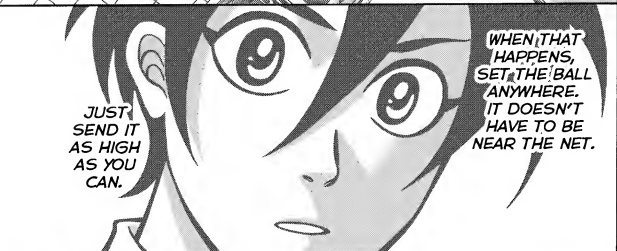




...I MIGHT
END UP
MAKING YOU
RUN A LITTLE.

...WHEN I
RECEIVE
HASEGAWA-
SAN'S QUICK
ATTACKS...

MANABU...



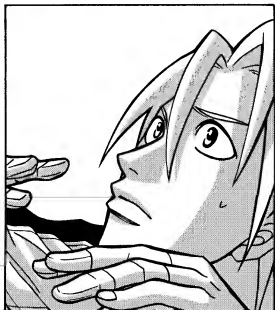
JUST
SEND IT
AS HIGH
AS YOU
CAN.

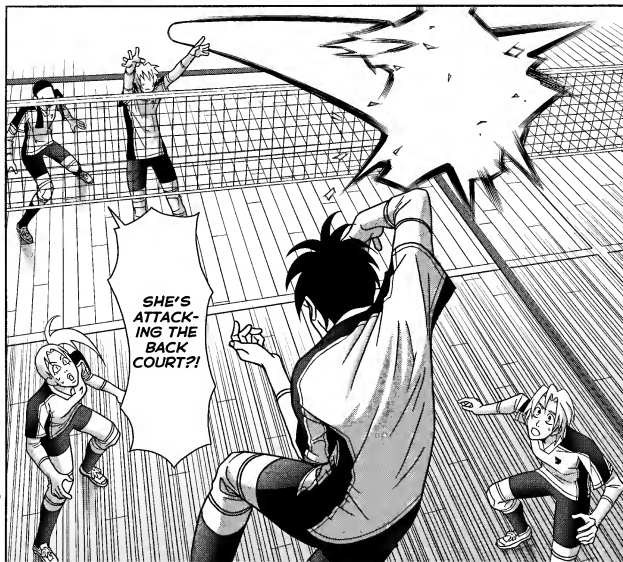
WHEN THAT
HAPPENS,
SET THE BALL
ANYWHERE.
IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE
NEAR THE NET.

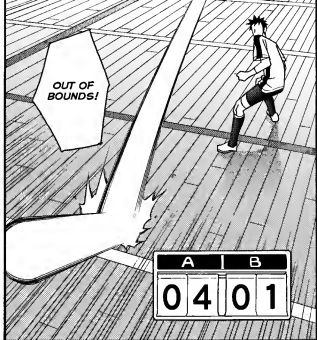
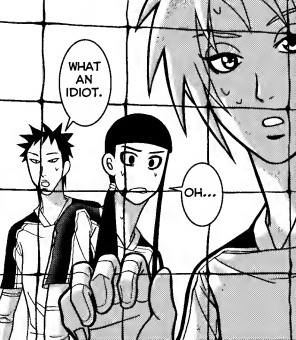


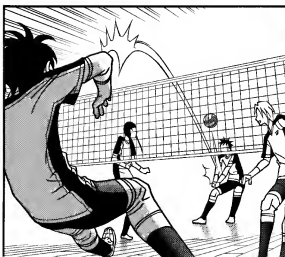
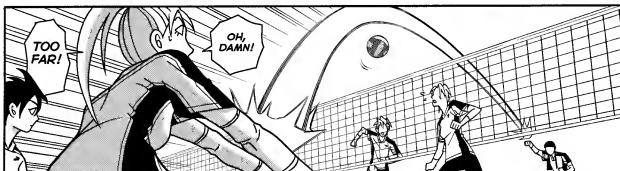
JUST
SEND
IT...

...AS
HIGH AS
I CAN!

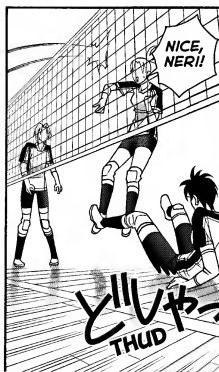
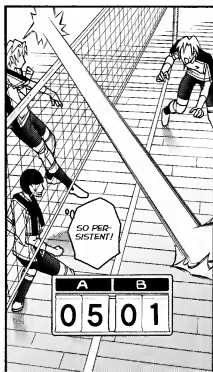


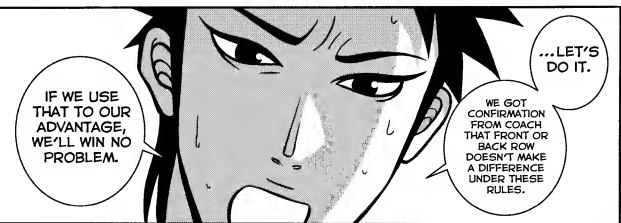
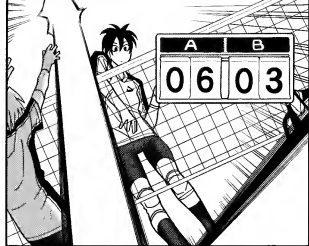
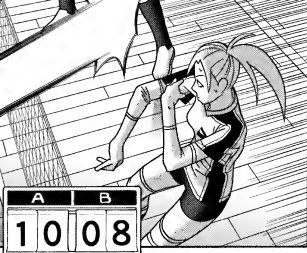






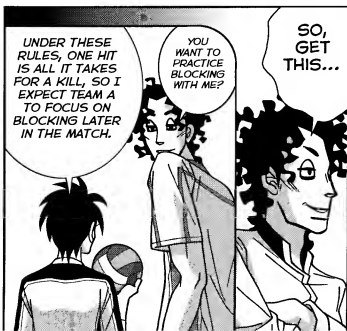








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...SO I
CAN TRY TO
PUSH IT INTO
THEIR BLOCK
AND OUT
OF BOUNDS
SOMEHOW.

IF THAT
HAPPENS, THEN
I THINK MAYBE
MY TEAM SHOULD
GET THE BALL
TO ME...



...WHY
DON'T I
STOP
HOLDING
BACK FOR
YOU?
♥





SHE WAS
LIKE,
"YOU'RE
NOT EVEN
TRYING."

HA
HA!

SHE'S
SUCH AN
INTEREST-
ING GIRL,
ISN'T
SHE?

Fight 12, Over



I GUESS IT
COULD BE A
GOOD IDEA,
SINCE TEAM
A HAS THE
HEIGHT
ADVANTAGE.

WOW, I CAN'T
BELIEVE TEAM A'S
SACRIFICING THEIR
BACK ROW TO DO
A THREE-PERSON
BLOCK.



WE'D
PROBABLY JUST
MISS OUT OF
BOUNDS IF WE
TRIED THAT ON
THREE PEOPLE
THAT TALL.

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?
TRY TO
FAKE
THEM
OUT?

YEAH.

LET'S
SEE HOW
THINGS
GO FROM
HERE.



IT'S EASY
TO BLOCK WITH
HOW SMALL THE
COURT IS UNDER
THESE RULES.

ALL
RIGHT. SO
FAR, SO
GOOD.

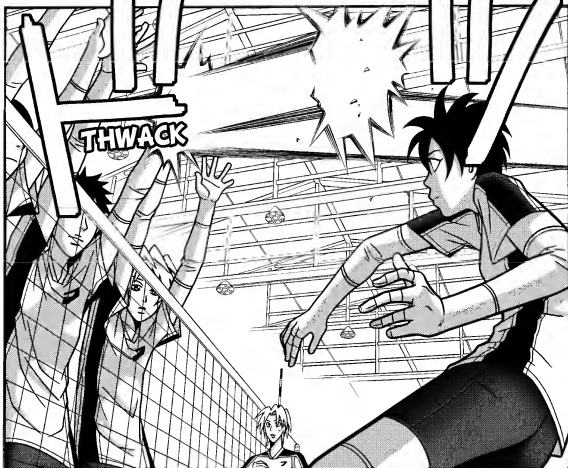
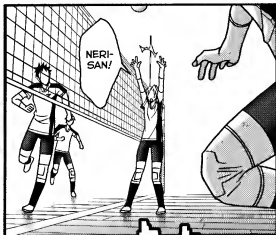
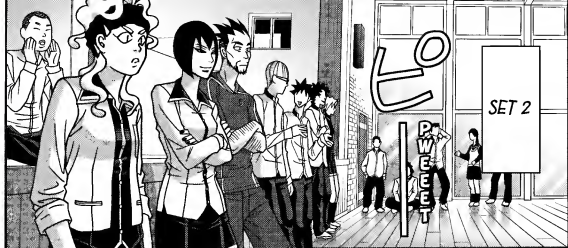


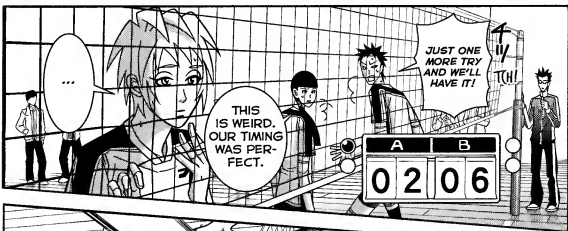
THEN,

ONCE
WE'RE IN THE
SECOND SET,
JUST KEEP
GIVING ME
THE BALL.

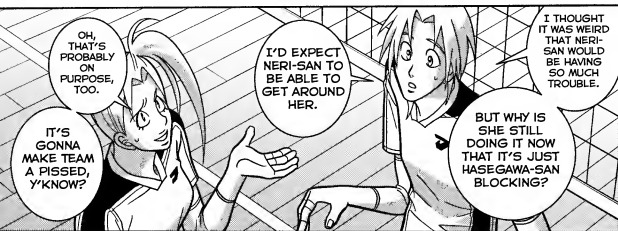
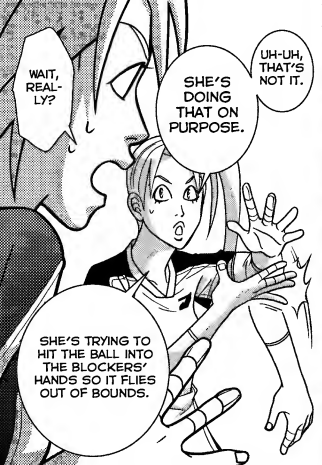














I'VE
GOT
YOU
THIS
TIME!



ONE
MORE
TRY!



PANT

PANT

YOU'RE
JUST BEING
MANIPU-
LATED TO
THEIR AD-
VANTAGE.

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
NOBU-
TOMO-
SAN.



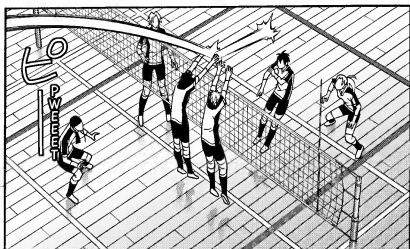
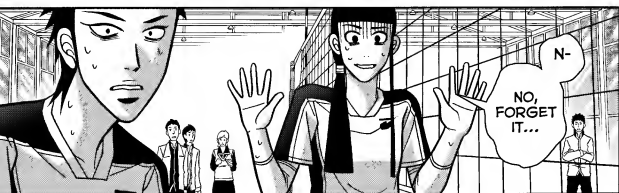
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JUST GIVE
UP ON
BLOCKING
ALREADY!

UGH,
HASE-
GAWA-
SAN!

WANNA TRY
BLOCKING
TOGETHER
NEXT,
ATSUKO-
CHAN?





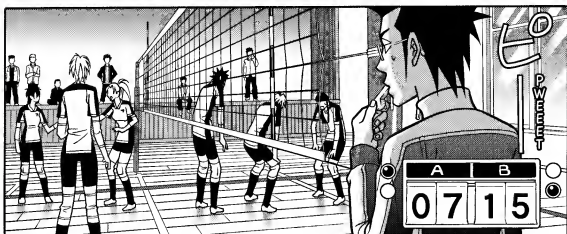
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
I TOLD YOU
TEAM A WOULD
BE IN TROUBLE
IF THEY TRIED
BLOCKING. ♡



THEY'RE
PRETTY
MUCH JUST
PRACTICING
BLOCKING AT
THIS POINT,
AREN'T THEY?

OHHH,
BUT NOW WE
CAN'T TELL
WHO'S GOING
TO WIN.

IT'S A
GOOD
THING!



ATTACKING
HEAD-ON IS
THE ONLY
OPTION WE
HAVE LEFT.

THERE
IS NO
QUESTION...

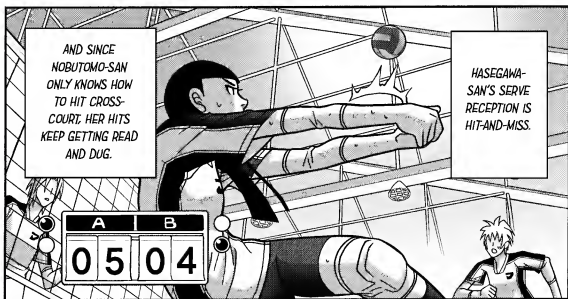
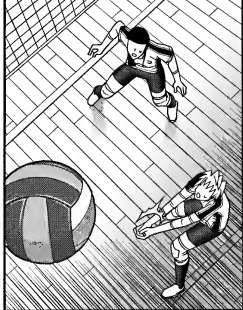
WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO
FOR THE
THIRD
SET?



NOW
THE ONLY
PROBLEM
IS WHAT'S
TO COME.

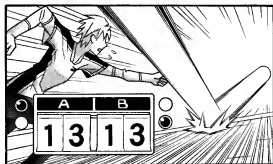
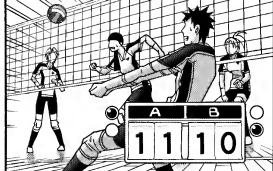
I FEEL
LIKE THEY
TOOK OUR
BAIT AND
WE WON.

THAT
WAS ONE
EXTREME
SET, HUH?





...I CAN'T
TAKE THIS
ANYMORE.



NOBUTOMO-
SAN, YOU
SET FOR
ME!

I'M
GOING TO
RECEIVE!

WAIT,
WHAT?!
WHERE'S
THIS
COMING
FROM?!



SERIOUS-
LY?

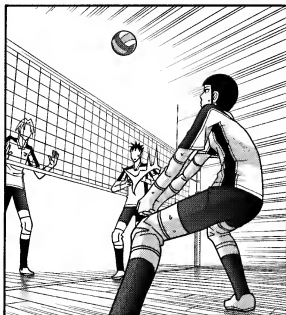
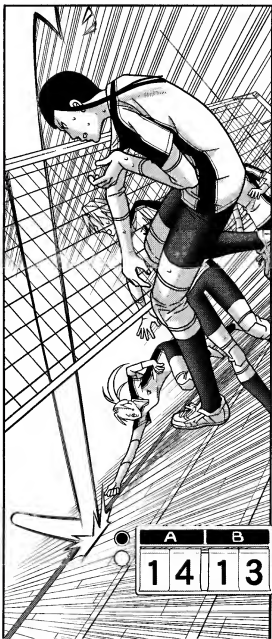
WHAT-
EVER,
LET
THEM
DO IT.

I'LL
ALLOW IT
IF TEAM B
DOESN'T
MIND.



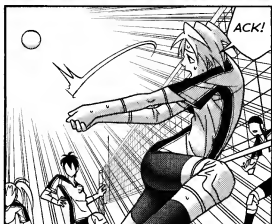
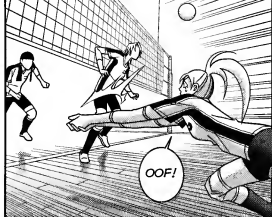
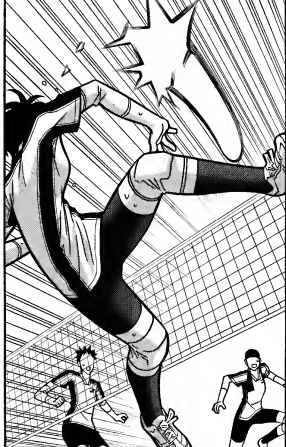
COACH!
CAN WE
CHANGE
SETTERS
?!

HEY,
NO FAIR!
SHE SAID
THE
SETTER'S
SET IN
STONE,
DIDN'T
SHE?



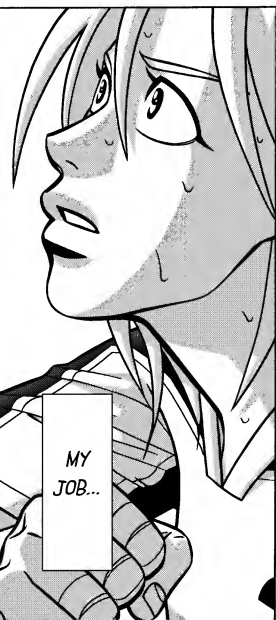
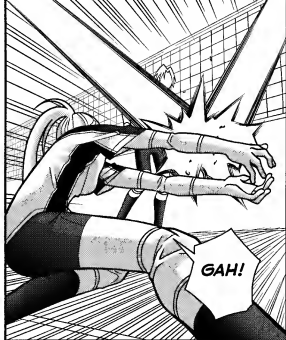
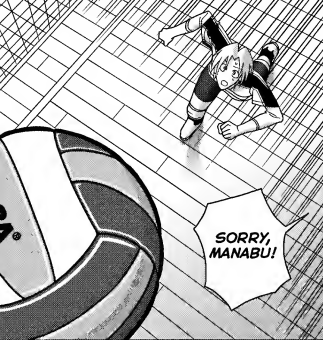
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BUT IT
WENT WAY
TOO FAR.



**WE'LL
FIGURE
OUT THE
REST.**

**MANABU,
ALL YOU'LL
HAVE TO DO
IS GET THE
BALL IN
THE AIR.**





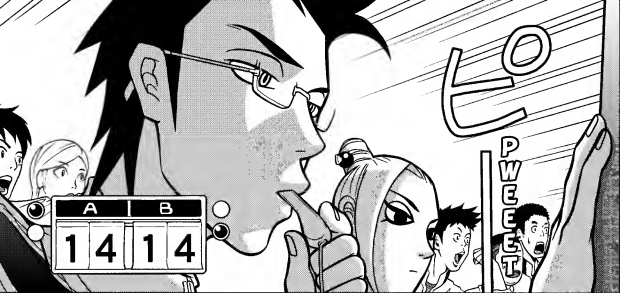
...ISN'T
TO SET
WELL.

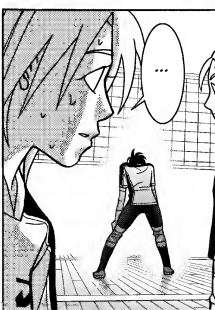
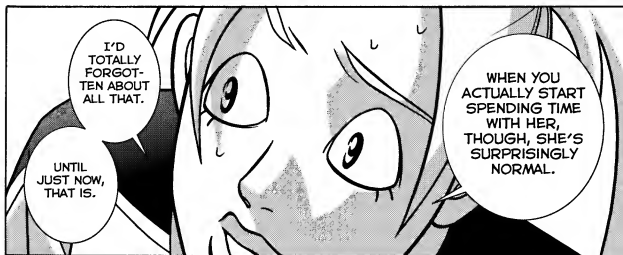
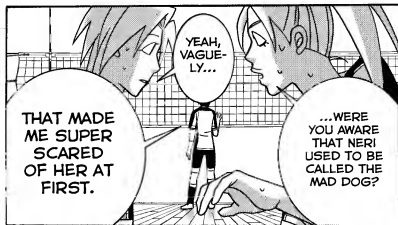
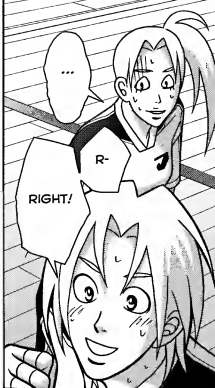


IT'S
JUST...



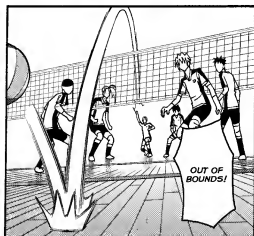
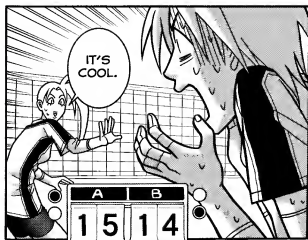
...TO
GET THE
BALL IN
THE AIR!

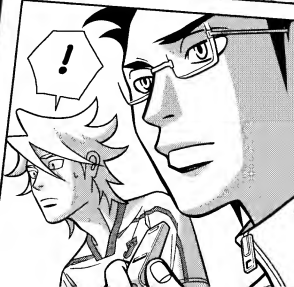




DO YOU EVEN
REALIZE THAT,
ODAGIRI-SAN?!

HAVING AN
ATTACKER LIKE THAT
MUST MAKE SETTING
AWFULLY EASY.







ON
IT!

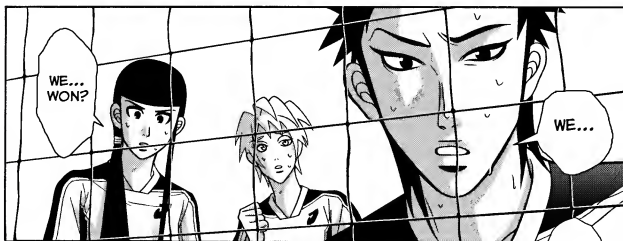
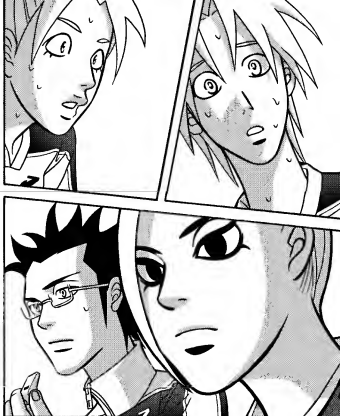
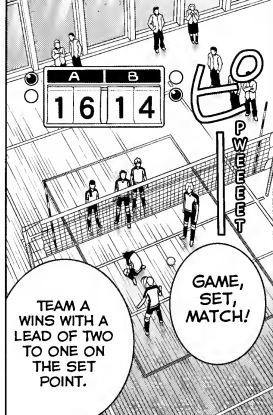
HERE IT
COMES!

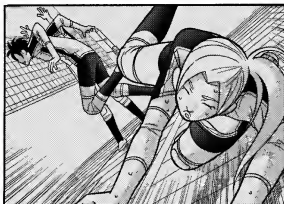
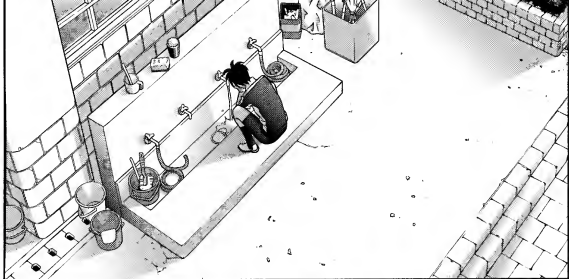


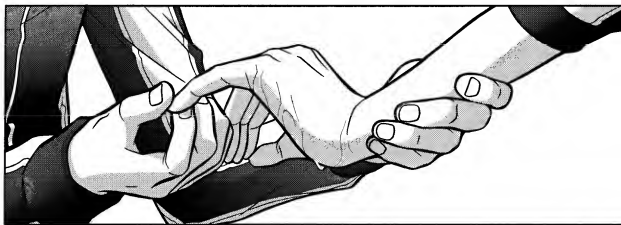
...SICK OF
PLAYING
VOLLEYBALL
WITH YOU,
NERI.

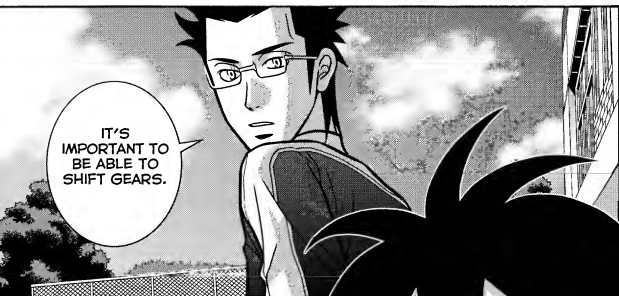
EVERYONE
WAS
PROBABLY
JUST...











Sign: Girls' Volleyball Club

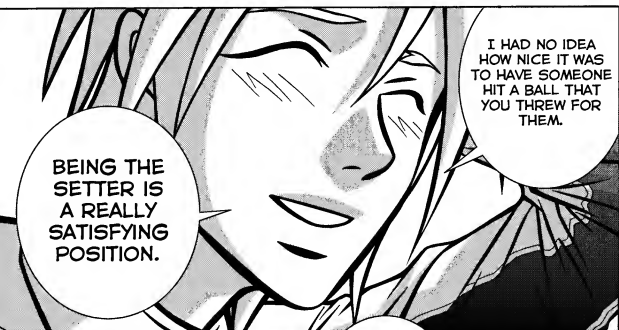






...KEPT
HITTING OFF
OF MY SETS
NO MATTER
HOW BAD
THEY WERE.

THAT'S
WHAT
KEPT ME
GOING.



BEING THE
SETTER IS
A REALLY
SATISFYING
POSITION.

I HAD NO IDEA
HOW NICE IT WAS
TO HAVE SOMEONE
HIT A BALL THAT
YOU THREW FOR
THEM.



NEXT,
LET'S HEAR
FROM OISHI
OUTSIDE
THE DOOR
THERE.

バドミントン



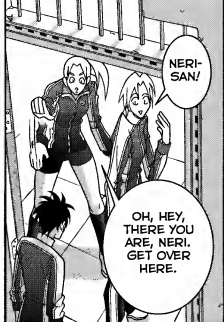
CLATER



I DOUBT
YOU'LL LET
ME PLAY IT
AGAIN, BUT IT
WAS A GOOD
EXPERIENCE.



SO WHAT
DID YOU
THINK?



NERI-
SAN!

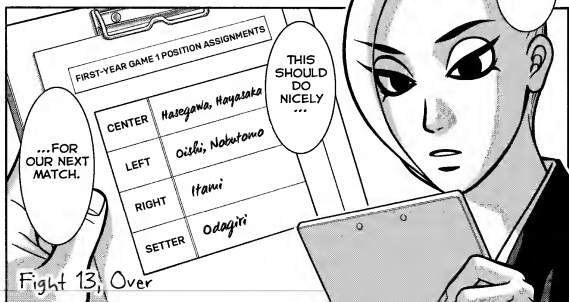
OH, HEY,
THERE YOU
ARE, NERI.
GET OVER
HERE.



...WANT
TO STOP
PLAYING
THE WAY
I DO.

I...

...HM.



FIRST-YEAR GAME 1 POSITION ASSIGNMENTS

CENTER	Hasegawa, Hayataka
LEFT	Oishi, Nobutomo
RIGHT	Itami
SETTER	Odagiri

THIS
SHOULD
DO
NICELY
...

...FOR
OUR NEXT
MATCH.

Fight 13, Over



Fight 14

Dog-Ear



BUT BETWEEN
HIM AND MY
ANXIETY-PRONE
MOTHER...

...I'M PRETTY
SURE HE'S
THE ONE WHO
UNDERSTANDS
ME BETTER.

ALL OF A
SUDDEN SHE'S
CRAZY ABOUT
VOLLEYBALL. WHAT
IF SHE STARTS
NEGLECTING
HER STUDIES?

SHE'S
GOT HER
HEAD ON
STRAIGHT.

LET
MANABU
DO WHAT
SHE LIKES
FOR NOW.

YOU NEED
TO COME IN
FOR AN EX-
AMINATION AT
LEAST ONCE
EVERY SIX
MONTHS.

HERE'S
YOUR
LUNCH,
MANABU.

I DON'T
GET TO SEE
HIM VERY
OFTEN, SINCE
HE'S SO BUSY.

SHOJO FIGHT





MORNING!

OH,
NERI-SAN AND
SHIKISHIMA-
KUN. GOOD
MORNING!

READING
WHILE YOU
WALK IS
SERIOUSLY
DANGEROUS,
SO CUT IT
OUT.



AKI-
RA!

I'M
LEAV-
ING.

I'M
BUYING
SHONEN
FIGHT
TODAY.

OKAY.
HAVE A
GOOD
DAY.

MY LITTLE
BROTHER
AKIRA
DOESN'T GO
TO SCHOOL.



HEY,
ODA-
GIRI!

SHONEN FIGHT IS AKIRA'S
ONE PLEASURE, AND
TODAY'S THE DAY THE NEW
ISSUE GOES ON SALE, SO
I'M BUYING IT FIRST THING
IN THE MORNING.



WAIT, OH
MY GOD!
NORIE-
CHAN AND
SACHIYO-
CHAN!

HOW
ARE
YOU
GUYS
?!

WE
THOUGHT
WE HAD THE
WRONG PER-
SON, SINCE
YOU HAVE
SHORT HAIR
AND NO
GLASSES
NOW.

SO IT
IS YOU,
MANABU-
CHAN!

WOW,
IT'S
BEEN
SUCH
A LONG
TIME!



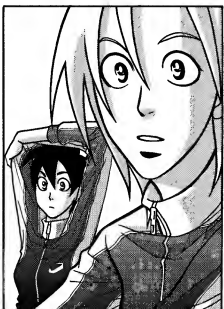
OH
YEAH,
ME,
TOO.

HEY,
MANABU,
LET ME
SEE
SHONEN
FIGHT
LATER.

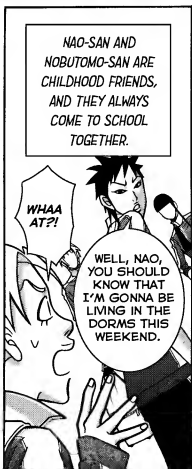
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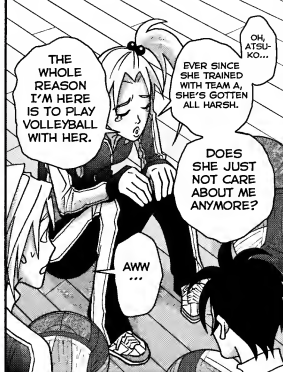
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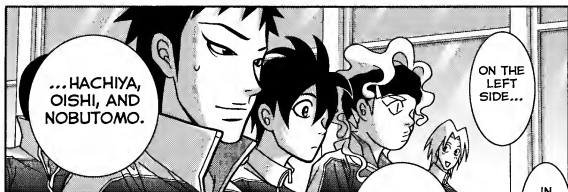
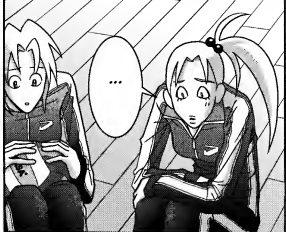














WELL,
NOW
YOU
HAVE.

IS
THAT
SO?

I'VE NEVER
HEARD OF A
TEAM HAVING A
BEGINNER AS
THEIR SETTER!

THAT
IS
ALL.

COACH,

YOU HAVE
TO HAVE
MADE A
MISTAKE.

HACHIYA AND
HAYASAKA, YOU
ARE TO TRAIN
TO PLAY THE
RIGHT SIDE,
AS WELL.



I-I'M THE SETTER
AND ITAMI-SAN'S ON
THE RIGHT?!

THANK
YOU,
MA'AM.

GRRR

AND I'VE HEARD
INUGAMI-SEMPAI
BARELY EVER
ACTUALLY PLAYS...



にやにや
SMIRK

WH-WH-
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO?!



ITAMI-
SAN!

WAIT,

DASH



TAKE
CARE OF
THINGS
FOR ME,
ODAGIRI.



NOT TO MENTION HER PERSONALITY COMES THROUGH IN HER CHOICE OF SETS.

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN LEAVE SETTING TO ITAMI AT THIS POINT.

YEAH, IF YOU GET USED TO PLAYING WITH A SETTER WHO'S TOO GOOD, YOU STOP BEING ABLE TO HIT THE WORSE SETS.

...I IMAGINE THIS IS HARD TO SWALLOW FOR HER, NOT KNOWING WHAT COACH HAS IN MIND.



SHUT UP.

...YOU'LL BE LATE FOR CLASS.

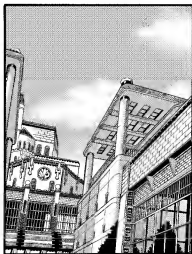
ITAMI-SAN...



NERI OISHI!!

NERI-SAAAAN.

LEAVE HER BE.



I KNOW YOU COULD'VE BEATEN MY TEAM NO PROBLEM IF YOU AND HAYASAKA-SAN HAD JUST GONE ALL OUT AGAINST US.

LUCKY YOU FOR HAVING THE CHANCE TO GET ON THE COACH'S GOOD SIDE BY SHOWING HER EVERYTHING YOU'RE WILLING TO DO FOR SOME NEWBIE.





SO I
THOUGHT
SHE WOULD
UNDERSTAND.

...COACH
JINNAI HERSELF
WAS A SHORT
SETTER,

I'M
DISAP-
POINTED
IN HER.



...YOU'VE
GOT IT
BACK-
WARDS.



THAT
SHE KNOWS
DAMN WELL
JUST HOW
RISKY IT IS.

IT'S
BECAUSE
SHE'S
SHORT,

LET'S
GO.



THE RIGHT-
SIDE HITTER IS
AN IMPORTANT
POSITION,
USUALLY
PLAYED BY
AN ALL-
ROUNDER.

ITAMI-
SAN,
THAT'S
NOT-

I'M PRETTY
SURE COACH
HAS HIGH
HOPES FOR
YOU, ITAMI-
SAN.

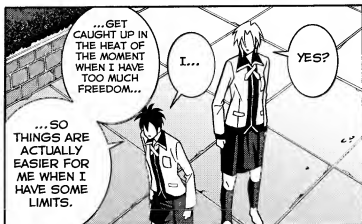
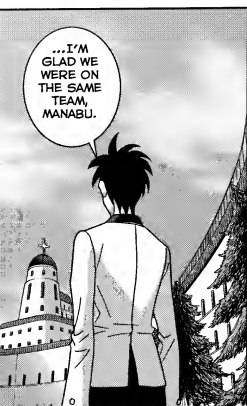
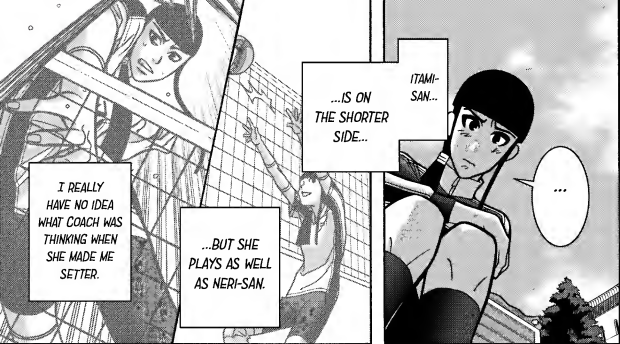
STOP
TRYING TO
COMFORT
ME!

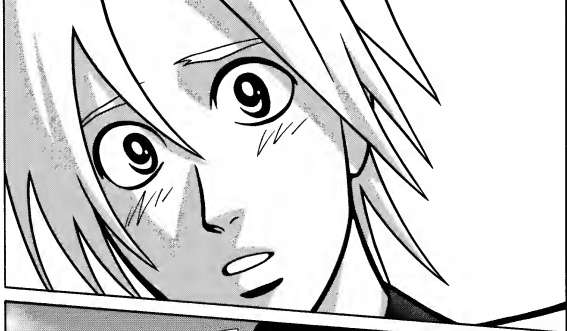
BESIDES,
COACH TOLD
HACHIYA-
SEMPAI AND
NAO-SAN TO
PLAY THE
RIGHT, TOO.

ITAMI-
SAN...
SHE'S
NOT JUST
TRYING TO
COMFORT
YOU.

WE'LL
PROBABLY
BE ROTATING POSI-

QUIET,
NEWBIE!

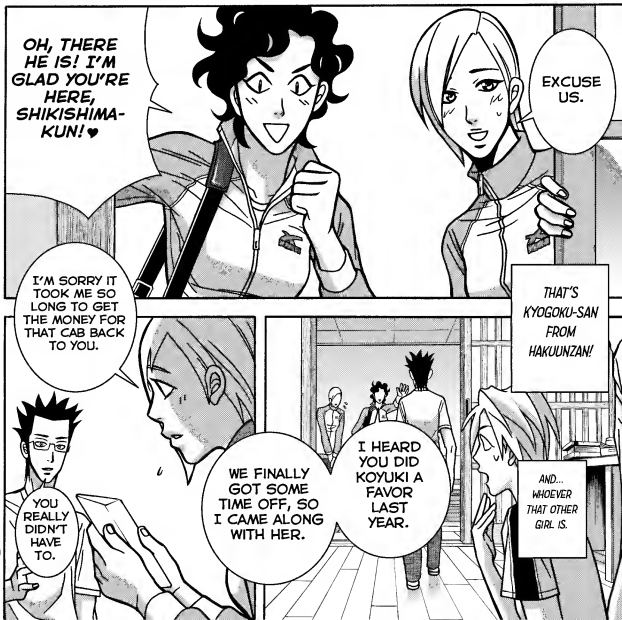


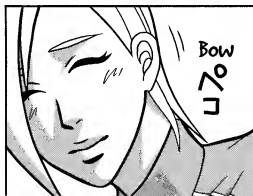
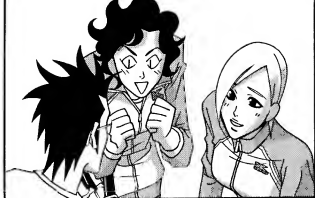


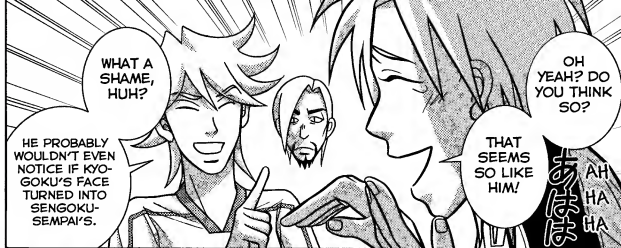


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WE'RE SUPPOSED TO SEE EACH OTHER ON THE COURT, ANYWAY.

I DON'T KNOW ...

I THINK IT'LL BE FINE.



I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE LAST TIME KYOGOKU-SAN CAME TO SEE YOU, RIGHT?

SHE WAS HERE TO RETURN THE CAB MONEY I GAVE HER.

YOU MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO CATCH HER IF YOU RUN FOR IT.



OH, REALLY?

...THERE'S SOMETHING ON YOUR FACE.



NERI ...

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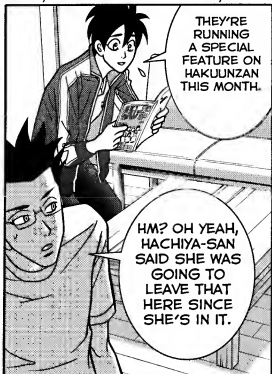
IS IT MAKING ME LOOK THAT WEIRD?

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

HA HA HA



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DO YOU
KNOW
HER?

SHE MUST
BE BACK IN
JAPAN!

YEAH, SHE'S
AN OLD FRIEND
OF MINE WHO
TRANSFERRED
SCHOOLS.



SO THIS
TAKAKO YUI-SAN
IS SOMEONE
NERI-SAN THINKS
OF AS A FRIEND.



I'M A
LITTLE
JEALOUS.

I CAN'T HELP
BUT WONDER
WHAT SHE'S
LIKE...



OUT OF
EVERYONE
I'VE EVER
PLAYED
AGAINST...

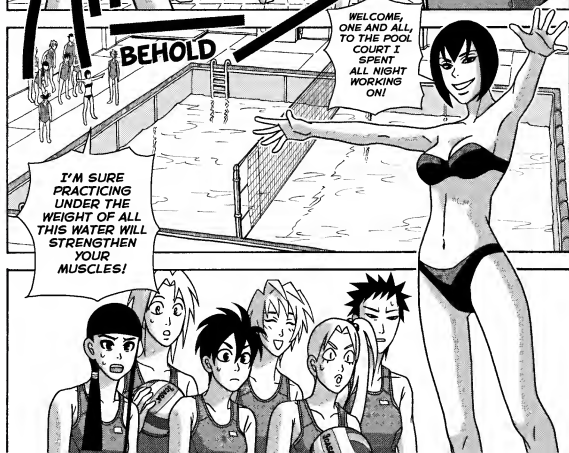
...NO ONE'S
BEEN BETTER
THAN NERI AND
YUI WERE WHEN
THEY WORKED
TOGETHER.

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OUT OF PLAY



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